BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MEEHAN JAMES N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC

[BRW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

425 SOUTH BELMONT

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

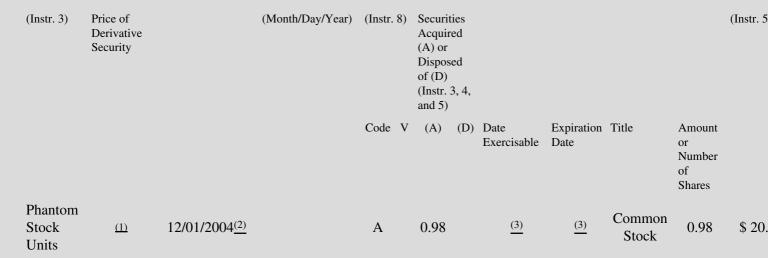
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivati
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEEHAN JAMES N
425 SOUTH BELMONT X
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005

Signatures

Alexis S. Oster, by power of attorney for Reporting 12/02/2004 Person.

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Phantom Stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- The transaction date is the date on which the Phantom Stock units were priced under the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee

 (2) Director's Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan and were credited to the reporting person's account within the Plan. These Phantom Stock units are from the reinvestment of dividends earned on the Phantom Stock units awarded pursuant to the Plan.
- These Phantom Stock units become payable per the election of the reporting person's termination of service as a director, subject to certain provisions and conditions as set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Director's Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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