

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4

March 16, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SKELLY RICHARD D JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY
WAY**

(Street)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
[BEV]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D ⁽¹⁾		54,324	D	\$ 12.5	0	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006		A ⁽²⁾		16,619	A	\$ 0	16,619	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006		D ⁽³⁾		5,617	D	\$ 12.5	11,002	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.74	03/14/2006		D	51,676	<u>(4)</u> 05/22/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	51,676
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.74	03/14/2006		D	28,324	<u>(4)</u> 05/22/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	28,324

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SKELLY RICHARD D JR ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Richard D. Skelly, Jr.

03/15/2006

**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) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. the stock held by the Reporting Person were disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

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- (2) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. vesting of the performance units were accelerated and valued at the merger consideration of \$12.50 per share.
- (3) Shares were traded to pay the tax obligation.

This option, which provided for vesting in four equal installments beginning 05/22/02, was cancelled in the merger between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC (the "Merger") in exchange for a cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the Merger consideration of \$12.50 per share for the underlying common stock.
- (5) Represents the difference between the per share exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration.

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