BOSTON BEER CO INC

Form 4

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

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(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **KOCH C JAMES**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004

_X__ Director X__ 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) Chairman

COMPANY, 75 ARLINGTON **STREET**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

BOSTON, MA, X1 02116

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or B							ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Di Code (Instr. 3, (Instr. 8)		(A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common	12/15/2004		Code V S	Amount 500	(D)	Price \$ 21.45	234,795	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S	300	D	\$ 21.44	234,495	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S	100	D	\$ 21.53	234,395	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S	100	D	\$ 21.52	234,295	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S	100	D	\$ 21.23	234,195	I	Note 1 (1)

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Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.22	233,995	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.25	233,795	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.29	233,695	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.27	233,595	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.2	233,495	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.33	233,295	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.35	233,095	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.32	232,895	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.31	232,795	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	400	D	\$ 21.01	232,395	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.04	232,295	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	700	D	\$ 21	231,595	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.07	231,395	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.03	231,295	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.06	231,195	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.08	231,095	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.1	230,995	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.12	230,895	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.16	230,795	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.15	230,595	I	Note 1 (1)
	12/15/2004	S	100	D		230,495	I	Note 1 (1)

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Class A Common					\$ 21.19			
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 20.98	230,395	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 20.97	230,295	I	Note 1 (1)

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. iorNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secun Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KOCH C JAMES C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY 75 ARLINGTON STREET BOSTON, MA, X1 02116	X	X	Chairman				
Signatures							

C. James Koch

12/16/2004 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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) Reflects 32,456 shares held by Reporting Person's children and shares held by a limited liability company in which the children of the reporting person have a pecuniary interest, but to which the reporting person disclaims any beneficial ownership.

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