

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MEEHAN JAMES N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC [BRW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 425 SOUTH BELMONT  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2004

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

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/31/2004(2)	A		373.03		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	373.03	\$ 1	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEEHAN JAMES N 425 SOUTH BELMONT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005			X	

## Signatures

Alexis S. Oster, by power of attorney for Reporting Person. 01/04/2005

\_\_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.
- (2) The transaction date is the date on which the units, in accordance with the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan, were earned by the reporting person.
- (3) 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 set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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