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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * URICH WILLIAM F <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 <hr/> (Street) BOSTON MA 02210 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2012 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common | 01/13/2012 | | M | | 3,000 | A | \$ 15.835 | 5,239 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/13/2012 | | S | | 900 ^{(1) (4)} | D | \$ 100.61 ^{(1) (4)} | 4,339 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/13/2012 | | S | | 1,200 | D | \$ 102.15 ^{(4) (2)} | 3,139 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/13/2012 | | S | | 900 ^{(4) (3)} | D | \$ 102.83 ^{(4) (3)} | 2,239 | D | |

**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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.835 | 01/13/2012 | | M | | | 3,000 | 09/08/2008 | 09/08/2013 | Class A Common | 125,000 | \$ 15.835 | 33,300 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 900 shares is from \$100.48 to \$100.90.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,200 shares is from \$101.56 to \$102.52.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 900 shares is from \$102.61 to \$103.10.
- The filer will provide, upon request from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Registrant or a shareholder of the Registrant, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

William F. Urich 01/17/2012

** Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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