CHURCHILL DOWNS INC

Form 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MEEKER THOMAS H | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHURCHILL DOWNS INC [CHDN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 700 CENTRAL AVENUE | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2005 | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO & President | | |
| (Street) LOUISVILLE, KY 40208 | 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 | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative) | Secui | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | ed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| G | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock, no par value | 12/19/2005 | | M | 5,000 | A | \$ 19.25 | 50,884 | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value | 12/19/2005 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 37.11 | 45,884 | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | 26,908 | I | by wife |

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y | te | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.25 | 12/19/2005 | | M | 5,000 | 06/03/1999 | 06/02/2006 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MEEKER THOMAS H | | | | | | | |
| 700 CENTRAL AVENUE | X | | CEO & President | | | | |
| LOUISVILLE, KY 40208 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/Thomas H.
Meeker

**Signature of Reporting Person

12/21/2005

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) This transaction occurred pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 20, 2005.

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