

PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Beutel Robert J</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>3440 LEHIGH STREET,Â C/O                  PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORPORATION</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ALLENTOWN,Â PAÂ 18103</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/01/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORP [PTA]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
			<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	15,500	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â
Common Stock	527,290	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	14,700	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
None <sup>(4)</sup>	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	None <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Beutel Robert J 3440 LEHIGH STREET C/O PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORPORATION ALLENTOWN, PA 18103	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Linda G. Carraghan, by Power of Attorney for Robert J. Beutel 05/12/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares held by Mr. Beutel via his retirement savings account and personal account.
- (2) Shares held in two corporate accounts. Mr. Beutel is the president of both corporations and a holder of over 10% of each of these two accounts, but he is not the sole beneficiary.
- (3) Shares held by Mr. Beutel's wife (via her retirement account and personal account) as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (4) No Table II securities beneficially owned.

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