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STATEMENT OF CHAN	NGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	
17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Investment Company Act of 1940	the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section g Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the	
1. Name (Last, First Middle) and A	Address of Reporting Person*	
Beasley, William M. P. O. Box 1220 Tupelo, Ms. 38802		
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Tradi	ing Symbol	
The Peoples Holding Company	/ (PHC)	
3. IRS Identification Number of Re	eporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	
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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
April 15, 2003		
5. If Amendment, Date of Original	(Month/Day/Year)	
6. Relationship of Reporting Perso	on(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
(X) Director () Officer (give title b	() 10% Owner below) () Other (specify below)	
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filin (X) Form filed by One Rep () Form filed by More th		
+++++++++++++	Executionactionor Disposed of (D)SecuritiesshipDate, ifCode(Instr.3,4 and 5)BeneficiallyForm:any(Instr.8)Owned Follow- Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Bene- ficial Owner-
 (Mo/Dy/Yr) 	Transaction Indirect (A)or (s)(Instr.3 (I) (Mo/Dy/Yr) Code V Amount (D) Price and 4) (Instr.4)	ship (Instr.4) -+

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

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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TABLE II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
<pre>+ 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr.3) </pre>	2. Convers- ion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	action Date	<pre>' ' A. Deemed ' Execution Date, if any ' (Mo/Dy/Yr) ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '</pre>	4. Transact- ion Code (Instr.8) Code V	<pre>> . Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)(Instr. 3,4, and 5)</pre>				

Phantom Stock	1 fo	r 1 04/15/2003	A	.89	(1) (1)
+	ount of Underlying d 4) 	8. Price of Deriv- ative Security (Instr.5) -+ 	<pre>9. Number of Deriv- ative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr.4)</pre>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
+ Common Stock	.89	\$41.38 (2)	173.49	+D	-++

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The stock units are to be settled 100% in common stock upon the reporting person's normal retirement or upon approved request for hardship reasons.

(2) The phantom stock units were accrued under the PHC deferred compensation plan.

/s/ William M. Beasley

April 17, 2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

 ** 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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