#### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]					_	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
	(Month/Day/Year) C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, 05/02/2014 NC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT,						_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO				
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  RALEIGH, NC 27604						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 - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			quired of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	05/02/2014	05/02/20	014	Code M	V	Amount 31,651	or (D)	Price \$ 18.89	(Instr. 3 and 4) 419,059	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2014	05/02/20	014	M		50,000 (1)	A	\$ 29.48	469,059	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2014	05/02/20	014	S		81,651	D	\$ 40.35 (2) (3)	387,408	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014	05/05/20	014	M		25,246	A	\$ 29.48	412,654	D	

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Common Stock							70	I	By Children
Common Stock	05/05/2014	05/05/2014	S	25,246 (1)	D	\$ 40.32 (3) (4)	387,408	D	

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.89	05/02/2014	05/02/2014	M		31,651	<u>(5)</u>	02/28/2016	Common Stock	31,651
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.48	05/02/2014	05/02/2014	M		50,000	<u>(5)</u>	03/02/2015	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.48	05/05/2014	05/05/2014	M		25,246	<u>(5)</u>	03/02/2015	Common Stock	25,246

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
FRITSCH EDWARD J								
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.	X		President					
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600	Λ		& CEO					
RALEIGH, NC 27604								

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### **Signatures**

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Edward J.
Fritsch

05/06/2014

\*\*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) Stock Options are scheduled to expire within 1 year if not exercised.
- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$40.17-\$40.74
- (3) The reporting person upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, agrees to disclose full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$40.25 \$40.41
- (5) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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