

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Penn Kevin E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
 [HIW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3100 SMOKETREE COURT,
 SUITE 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/04/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP/Strategy & Admin

RALEIGH, NC 27604

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,374 A | \$ 32 | 29,300 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,158 A | \$ 36.5 | 30,458 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,153 A | \$ 37.71 | 31,611 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | S | 3,685 D | \$ 46.01 | 27,926 | D |

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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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32 | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,374 | (2) 02/28/2019 | Common Stock | 1,374 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.5 | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,158 | (2) 02/28/2020 | Common Stock | 1,158 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 37.71 | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2016 | M | 1,153 | (2) 02/28/2024 | Common Stock | 1,153 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Penn Kevin E 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604 | | | SVP/Strategy & Admin | |

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Kevin E.
Penn

03/08/2016

__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) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$46.01 - \$46.02.

(2) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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