

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person - * <b>FRITSCH EDWARD J</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b>  (Street) <b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW ]</b>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>3/8/2011</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>President &amp; CEO</b>  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	3/8/2011	3/8/2011	M		50200	A	\$26.27	419707	D			
Common Stock	3/8/2011	3/8/2001	S		50200	D	\$34.66 (1)(2)	369507	D			
Common Stock	3/9/2011	3/9/2001	M		4800	A	\$26.27	374307	D			
Common Stock	3/9/2011	3/9/2011	S		4800	D	\$34.85 (2)(3)	369507	D			
Common Stock								70	I	By Children		

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$26.27	3/8/2011	3/8/2011	M		50200	(4)	2/29/2012	Common Stock	50200	\$26.27	132607	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$26.27	3/8/2011	3/8/2011	M		4800	(4)	2/29/2012	Common Stock	4800	\$26.27	127807	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$34.50- \$34.91

(2) 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.

(3) The price represents the weighted average sale price for the transaction on this line. The sale price ranges from \$34.85 - \$34.87.

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

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

Signatures

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

—Signature of Reporting Person

3/10/2011

Date

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

\* 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).

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