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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person *				2. I	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Miller Jeffrey Douglas					HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW]							Director			% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3. I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  EVP, General Counsel & Sec.					
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600					6/29/2018												
(Street)				4. I	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
RALEIGH, NC 27604 (City) (State) (Zip)												_ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			Table	I - Non	-Der	ivat	ive Se	curities A	cqui	red, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficially Own	ed			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Da			E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8)	de	Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			6. 7. Nature Ownership of Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership			
								Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price					(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 6/29/2018				8	6/29/2018 M 3676.00 A \$37.71 83438.00			D									
Common Stock 6/29/2018				8	6/29	/2018	s		3676.00	D D	\$50.87 (1)	79762.00			D		
	Tab	le II - Deri	vative	Securit	ties I	Bene	ficiall	y Owned (	( e.g.	. , puts	, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	rtible sec	urities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Trans. Date	Executi	Deemed 4. T Coo (Ins			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)		Derivative Security	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Security			C	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e ercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.71	6/29/2018	6/29/20	018	М			3676.00		<u>(2)</u>	2/28/2024	Common Stock	3676.00	\$0.00	0.00	D	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$50.86 \$51.00.
- (2) Options vest ratably over four years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Miller Jeffrey Douglas								
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600			EVP, General Counsel & Sec.					
RALEIGH, NC 27604								

### **Signatures**

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller 6/29/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person 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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