

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Miller Jeffrey Douglas	HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) V.P./General Counsel & Sec.
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	
6125 WILKINSBURG RD.	3/14/2012	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
RALEIGH, NC 27612		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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	3/14/2012	3/14/2012	M		9242	A	\$18.89
Common Stock	3/14/2012	3/14/2012	S		9242	D	\$32.11 (1) (2)

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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$18.89	3/14/2012	3/14/2012	M			9242	(3)	2/29/2016	Common Stock	9242

### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) 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.
- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$32.07 - \$32.15.
- (3) Options vests ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Miller Jeffrey Douglas 6125 WILKINSBURG RD. RALEIGH, NC 27612			V.P./General Counsel & Sec.	

**Signatures**/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Jeffrey D. Miller3/16/2012

\*\* 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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