

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP/Strategy & Admin

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/20/2015

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		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M		1,153	A \$ 37.71	26,373 D
Common Stock	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M		1,373	A \$ 32	27,746 D
Common Stock	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M		680	A \$ 33.93	28,426 D
Common Stock	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M		1,158	A \$ 36.5	29,584 D
Common Stock	11/20/2014	11/20/2015	S		4,364	D \$ 44	25,220 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.71	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M	1,153	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/28/2024	Common Stock	1,153
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 32	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M	1,373	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/28/2019	Common Stock	1,373
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 33.93	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M	680	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/27/2018	Common Stock	680
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 36.5	11/20/2015	11/20/2015	M	1,158	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/28/2020	Common Stock	1,158

## 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/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Kevin E.  
Penn

11/25/2015

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

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