

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

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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
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP/Chief Strategy & Admin

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2014

RALEIGH, NC 27604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ 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. 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)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/28/2014	02/28/2014	A		3,402	A	<u>(1)</u> 22,318	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2014	03/01/2014	F		850	D	<u>(2)</u> 21,468	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2014	03/01/2014	D		283	D	<u>(3)</u> 21,185	D	

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	02/28/2014	02/28/2014	A	4,612	<u>(4)</u> 02/28/2024	Common Stock	4,612

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Kevin E.
Penn
Date: 03/04/2014

__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) Restricted stock is granted by the Company and not purchased by the reporting person.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the initial restricted stock award and in connection with the vesting of the award, the reporting person tendered a portion of the restricted stock award to the issuer in satisfaction of his tax liabilities.
- (3) Represents the number of shares forfeited under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan - Total Shareholder Return Plan because the Company achieved above threshold, but not target, levels of performance relative to predetermined goals.
- (4) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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