HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4 March 03, 2015

FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Mulhern Mark F

(Last)

(City)

Common

(First) (Middle)

3100 SMOKETREE COURT. SUITE 600

(Street)

RALEIGH, NC 27604 (State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]

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

02/27/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

SVP/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D)

02/27/2015 02/27/2015 A 12,556 Α <u>(1)</u> 34,398 Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.61	02/27/2015	02/27/2015	A	23,362	(2)	02/27/2025	Common Stock	23,362

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mulhern Mark F

3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 SVP/CFO

RALEIGH, NC 27604

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Mark F.

Mulhern 03/03/2015

**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) Restricted stock is granted by the Company and not purchased by the reporting person.
- (2) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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