#### ANDERSON GENE H

Form 4

March 10, 2011

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* ANDERSON GENE H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

03/09/2011

\_X\_\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner \_ Other (specify

C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES. INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

(Street)

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

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(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)	, , ,			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	4,228	A	\$ 18.89	67,166	D		
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2001	M	34,417	A	\$ 26.15	101,583	D		
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2001	M	36,964	A	\$ 26.27	138,547	D		
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	12,147	A	\$ 29.48	150,694	D		
	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	13,773	A		164,467	D		

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Common Stock						\$ 32.37			
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	S	101,529	D	\$ 34.63 (1) (2)	62,938	D	
Common Stock							3,897	I	By Spouse
Common Stock							63,947	I	By Partnership

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 18.89	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	4,228	<u>(3)</u>	02/29/2016	Common Stock	4,228
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.15	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	34,417	(3)	02/28/2014	Common Stock	34,417
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.27	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	36,964	(3)	02/29/2012	Common Stock	36,964
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.48	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	12,147	(3)	03/02/2015	Common Stock	12,147
	\$ 32.37	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	M	13,773	(3)	02/28/2013		13,773

Stock
Option
(right to buy)

Common
Stock

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ANDERSON GENE H						
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.	X					
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600	Λ					
RALEIGH, NC 27604						

## **Signatures**

/s/ Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Gene H. Anderson

03/10/2011

\*\*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) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$34.49- \$34.78
- (2) 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.
- (3) Options vests ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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