

FRITSCH EDWARD J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
FRITSCH EDWARD J

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)  
President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/26/2013

(Street)  
RALEIGH, NC 27604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/26/2013                           | 03/26/2013   | M                              |   | 941 A \$ 26.15  | 367,795  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/26/2013                           | 03/26/2013   | S                              |   | 941 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 39.5  | 366,854  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/28/2013                           | 03/28/2013   | M                              |   | 34,947 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 26.15  | 401,801  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/28/2013                           | 03/28/2013   | M                              |   | 25,082 A \$ 29.48   | 426,883  | D  |
|                                 | 03/28/2013                           | 03/28/2013   | S                              |   | 60,029 D  | 366,854  | D  |

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Common Stock \$ 39.51  
(2) (3)

Common Stock 70 I By Children

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)                | \$ 26.15   | 03/26/2013                           | 03/26/2013   | M                              | 941   | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/28/2014                                | Common Stock  | 941                           |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 26.15   | 03/28/2013                           | 03/28/2013   | M                              | 34,947  | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/28/2014                                | Common Stock  | 34,947                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 29.48   | 03/28/2013                           | 03/28/2013   | M                              | 25,082  | <sup>(4)</sup> 03/02/2015                                | Common Stock  | 25,082                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| FRITSCH EDWARD J<br>C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.<br>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600<br>RALEIGH, NC 27604 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Edward J.  
Fritsch

03/28/2013

\_\_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) Stock Options are scheduled to expire within 1 year if not exercised.
  - (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$39.50 - \$39.58
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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