Anand Naveen Form 4 October 18, 2017

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Anand Naveen

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(First) 777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

10/18/2017

President & CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Person

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

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

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

COMMON STOCK

60,300 D

Following

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 or 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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	10/18/2017		A	29,412	03/31/2020	03/31/2020	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(3) (4)					03/31/2019	03/31/2019	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	<u>(5)</u>					03/31/2018	03/31/2018	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Anand Naveen 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1000

President & CEO

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

Signatures

Steven D. Davidson as Attorney-In-Fact for Naveen Anand

10/18/2017

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria for one-half of the restricted stock units are based on the compound average annual growth

- rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAAGR less than 7% earns 0%; (ii) 7% CAAGR earns 50%; (iii) 8% CAAGR earns 67%; (iv) 9% CAAGR earns 83%; (v) 10% CAAGR earns 100%; (vi) 11% CAAGR earns 117% shares; (vii) 12% CAAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 13% or greater CAAGR earns 150%.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria for one-half of the restricted stock units are based on the net combined ratio ("NCR") for the three year period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (a) NCR greater than 96% earns 0%; (b) NCR of 95% earns 50%; (c) NCR of 94% earns 60%; (d) NCR of 93% earns

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80%; (e) NCR of 92% earns 100%; (f) NCR of 90% earns 110%; (g) NCR of 89% earns 120%; (h) NCR of 88% earns 135%; and (i) NCR less than 87% earns 150%.

- Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria for one-half of the restricted stock units are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAAGR less than 7% earns 0%; (ii) 7% CAAGR earns 50%; (iii) 8% CAAGR earns 67%; (iv) 9% CAAGR earns 83%; (v) 10% CAAGR earns 100%; (vi) 11% CAAGR earns 117% shares; (vii) 12% CAAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 13% or greater CAAGR earns 150%.
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- Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows:

 (i) CAAGR less than 9% earns 0%; (ii) 9% CAAGR earns 50%; (iii) 10% CAAGR earns 67%; (iv) 11% CAAGR earns 83%; (v) 12% CAAGR earns 100%; (vi) 13% CAAGR earns 117% shares; (vii) 14% CAAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 15% or greater CAAGR earns 150%.

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