FRITSCH EDWARD J

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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FRITSCH EDWARD J Issuer Symbol HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC (Check all applicable) [HIW] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES. 03/08/2011 President & CEO INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	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)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	l of (D) 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/08/2011	03/08/2011	Code V M	Amount 50,200	(D)	Price \$ 26.27	419,707	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2011	03/08/2001	S	50,200	D	\$ 34.66 (1) (2)	369,507	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2001	M	4,800	A	\$ 26.27	374,307	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2011	03/09/2011	S	4,800	D	\$ 34.85	369,507	D	

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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. 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)	\$ 26.27	03/08/2011	03/08/2011	M	50,200	<u>(4)</u>	02/29/2012	Common Stock	50,200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.27	03/08/2011	03/08/2011	M	4,800	<u>(4)</u>	02/29/2012	Common Stock	4,800

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

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> Date **Signature of Reporting Person

2 Reporting Owners

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- * 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 \$34.50- \$34.91
- 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) The price represents the weighted average sale price for the transaction on this line. The sale price ranges from \$34.85 \$34.87.
- (4) Options vests ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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