

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 13, 2017, Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the “Operating Partnership”) and Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an underwriting agreement with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Jefferies LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein, relating to a public offering of \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Operating Partnership's 3.875% Notes due March 1, 2027. The terms of the notes are governed by an indenture, dated as of December 1, 1996, among the Operating Partnership, the Company, and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N.A. as merged with and into First Union National Bank of North Carolina), as trustee, and an officers' certificate to be dated as of February 23, 2017 establishing the terms of the notes.

The notes are being issued pursuant to the Operating Partnership's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-215936-01), including the related prospectus dated February 7, 2017, and a prospectus supplement dated February 13, 2017, as the same may be amended or supplemented.

The closing of the offering is expected to occur on February 23, 2017.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

No. Description

Underwriting Agreement, dated February 13, 2017, by and among Highwoods Properties, Inc., Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Jefferies LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 14, 2017