Hilltop Holdings Inc.

Form 4

February 27, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD GERALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

02/23/2017

Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

1350

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

I

Ι

(A) or Code V Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

97,866

Common 02/23/2017 Stock

(D) Price 30,000 \$0 Α (1)

By trust

Common Stock

 $18,476 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \stackrel{(3)}{=}$

By Diamond A

Common Stock

15,544,674 (3)(4)

Financial, LP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201	X	X					

Signatures

/s/ GERALD J.
FORD

**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).
- Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an equal number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, upon the third anniversary of the date of grant, February 23, 2020, or immediately upon the earlier occurrence of events specified in the reporting person's restricted stock unit award agreement, including a "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc.
- (2) Represents securities owned directly by Turtle Creek Revocable Trust, a revocable trust for the benefit of the members of the reporting person's family (the "Trust") and indirectly by the reporting person as the settlor of the Trust.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise, the beneficial owner of these shares.
- (4) Represents securities owned directly by Diamond A Financial, LP and indirectly by the reporting person as a general partner of Diamond A Financial, LP.

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