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| FORM 4<br>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMM<br>Washington, D.C. 20549<br>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS                              |                                       |               |  |   |   | OMB APPROVAL<br>OMB 3235-028<br>Number: January 31<br>Expires: January 31<br>200<br>Estimated average |   |                        |                         |  |
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| (Print or Type   | Responses)                            |               |  |   |   |   |   |                        |                         |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>FRITSCH EDWARD J   |                                       |               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC<br>[HIW]                         |   |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                         |   |                        |                         |  |
|  | WOODS PROPE<br>SMOKETREE C            |               |  | of Earliest Ti<br>Day/Year)<br>2006               | ransaction                                |   | X Director<br>X Officer (give<br>below)<br>Pre  |                        | % Owner<br>her (specify |  |
| Filed(M  |                                       |               |  | If Amendment, Date Original<br>ed(Month/Day/Year) |   |   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul> |                        |                         |  |
| (City)   | (State)                               | (Zip)         |  |   |   |   | Person  |                        | 1 0                     |  |
|  | × ,                                   |               |  |   |   |   | Acquired, Disposed o  |                        |                         |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security       2. Transaction Date       2A. Deemed         (Month/Day/Year)       Execution D         (Instr. 3)       any<br>(Month/Day, |                                       | Date, if      | Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or<br>Code Disposed of (D)<br>y/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or |   | Securities I<br>Beneficially (<br>Owned ( | 5. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>D) or Indirect<br>I)<br>Instr. 4)                                     | Indirect  |                        |                         |  |
| Reminder: Rer  | port on a separate line               | e for each cl | ass of sec   | Code V<br>urities benef                           |   | (D) Pric  | e   |                        |                         |  |
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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8.<br>De<br>Se<br>(In |
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|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock (1)                                | <u>(2)</u>  | 03/31/2006                              |   | А                                      | 36.5   | 12/31/2011   | 12/31/2011         | Common<br>Stock   | 36.5                                   | \$                    |

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## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                    |       |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--|--|
| Treforming of the stand of the stand   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |  |  |
| FRITSCH EDWARD J<br>C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.<br>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600<br>RALEIGH, NC 27604 | Х             |           | President<br>& CEO |       |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |           |                    |       |  |  |
| Mack D. Pridgen, III for Edward J. Fritsch   | 04/04/2006    |           |                    |       |  |  |
| **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) Security converts to cash price of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Pursuant to issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under its 1994 Stock Option Plan.

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