FRITSCH EDWARD J

Form 4

February 27, 2007

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FRITSCH EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

[HIW]

(Middle)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

02/23/2007

C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES. INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT,

(Street)

(First)

SUITE 600

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

_X__ Director

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

Person

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Perivative	Secur	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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	02/23/2007		M	400	A	\$ 11.626	269,354	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2007		S	400	D	\$ 46.74	268,954	D	
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Common Stock	02/23/2007		S	400	D	\$ 46.53	268,954	D	
	02/23/2007		M	200	A		269,154	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 11.626		
Common Stock	02/23/2007	S	200	D	\$ 46.52	268,954	D
Common Stock	02/23/2007	M	200	A	\$ 11.626	269,154	D
Common Stock	02/23/2007	S	200	D	\$ 46.51	268,954	D
Common Stock	02/23/2007	M	4,300	A	\$ 11.626	273,254	D
Common Stock	02/23/2007	S	4,300	D	\$ 46.5	268,954	D

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivation any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		5 8. D S (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock (option to exercise)	\$ 11.626	02/23/2007		M	5,500	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2010	Common Stock	5,500	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FRITSCH EDWARD J	X		President				
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.			& CEO				

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3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604

Signatures

/s/Mack D. Pridgen, III for Edward J. Fritsch

02/27/2007

**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) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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