#### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4 May 20, 2008

#### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SLOAN JR O TEMPLE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

(Check all applicable)

[HIW]

05/16/2008

(Last)

(Middle)

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

\_X\_\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(Street)

(First)

SUITE 600

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_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	ities 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. Security 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	05/16/2008		M	300	A	\$ 22.18	9,008	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2008		M	300	D	\$ 36.95	8,708	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2008		M	100	A	\$ 22.18	8,808	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2008		M	100	D	\$ 36.94	8,708	D	
	05/16/2008		M	500	A	\$ 22.18	9,208	D	

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	500	D	\$ 36.91	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	700	A	\$ 22.18	9,408	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	700	D	\$ 36.9	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	A	\$ 22.18	8,808	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	D	\$ 36.89	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	300	A	\$ 22.18	9,008	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	300	D	\$ 36.885	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,900	A	\$ 22.18	10,608	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,900	D	\$ 36.88	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	200	A	\$ 22.18	8,908	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	200	D	\$ 36.875	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	A	\$ 22.18	8,808	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	D	\$ 36.87	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,600	A	\$ 22.18	10,308	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,600	D	\$ 36.86	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	6,700	A	\$ 22.18	15,408	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	6,700	D	\$ 36.85	8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,400	A	\$ 22.18	10,108	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	1,400	D	\$ 36.84	8,708	D
	05/16/2008	M	700	A	\$ 22.18	9,408	D

Common Stock						
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	700	D	\$ 36.83 8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	A	\$ 22.18 8,808	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	D	\$ 36.81 8,708	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	A	\$ 22.18 8,808	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008	M	100	D	\$ 36.74 8,708	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	\$ 22.18	05/16/2008		M	14,800	<u>(1)</u>	03/24/2009	Common Stock	14,800

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		nips		
• 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SLOAN JR O TEMPLE C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X			

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### **Signatures**

/s/Deborah A. Pike, Attorney-in-fact for O. Temple Sloan, Jr.

05/19/2008

\*\*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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