

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STEVENS TERRY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
 [HIW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP, CFO

(Street)
 RALEIGH, NC 27604

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	A	95.13	(2) (3)	Common Stock	95.13 \$ 21

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEVENS TERRY L
 C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600
 RALEIGH, NC 27604

VP, CFO

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Terry L. Stevens

01/02/2009

**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 required payout under the Plan.
- (3) There is no expiration date to payout election.

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