

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP, CFO & Treasurer

C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	03/31/2005		A		5,139	A	Ⓣ	26,348	D
Common Stock	03/31/2005		A		3,426	A	Ⓣ	29,774	D
Common Stock	03/31/2005		A		3,426	A	Ⓣ	33,200	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)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 26.27 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/31/2005		A	71,429	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/29/2012	Common stock	71,429
Phantom Stock <sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	03/31/2005		A	3,582.91	01/31/2011	01/31/2011	Common stock	3,582.91

## 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 &  
Treasurer

## Signatures

Cynthia M. Latvala for, Terry L. Stevens

04/01/2005

\*\*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) Restricted stock is granted by the Company and not purchased by the reporting person.
- (2) Stock option grant was approved 03/31/2005. Vesting is based on 03/01/2005.
- (3) The exercise price is an average of the stock's closing price during a 10-day period prior to the grant date.
- (4) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.
- (5) Stock options are granted by the Company and not purchased by the reporting person.
- (6) Pursuant to issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under its 1994 Stock Option Plan.

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(7) Security converts to cash price of common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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