

NIEHAUS ROBERT H  
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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 \*  
 NIEHAUS ROBERT H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2012

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

C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

(Street)

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

PRINCETON 08542

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 02/24/2012                           |  | G                              | 40,000 D  | \$ 0 137,413  | D  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 02/24/2012                           |  | G                              | 40,000 A  | \$ 0 40,000   | I  | By self as vice president of the Robert and Kate |

|   |   |        |   |          |        |   |   |
|---|---|--------|---|----------|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share<br>02/27/2012 | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 28.78 | 30,000 | I | Niehaus Foundation<br>(1)<br>By self as vice president of the Robert and Kate Niehaus Foundation<br>(1) |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share<br>02/28/2012 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 28.93 | 10,000 | I | By self as vice president of the Robert and Kate Niehaus Foundation<br>(1)                              |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NIEHAUS ROBERT H  
C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.  
90 NASSAU STREET  
PRINCETON 08542

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## Signatures

/s/ Robert H.

Niehaus

02/29/2012

\_\_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) Mr. Niehaus disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except and to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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