

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC  
 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 \*  
 CARR ROBERT O

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2015

(Street)  
 PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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

(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)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 11/18/2015                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 33,925  | D  | \$ 0                              |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 267,276   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/06/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 10,101  | A  | \$ 0                              |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 277,377   | D  |                                   |

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|   |            |   |                              |   |      |         |                  |
|---|------------|---|------------------------------|---|------|---------|------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/06/2015 | F | 4,894                        | D | \$ 0 | 272,483 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/10/2015 | M | 8,046                        | A | \$ 0 | 280,529 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/10/2015 | F | 3,902                        | D | \$ 0 | 276,627 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/10/2015 | A | <u>64,997</u> <sup>(3)</sup> | A | \$ 0 | 341,624 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/10/2015 | F | 31,492                       | D | \$ 0 | 310,132 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>       | <u>(5)</u>   | 12/06/2015                           |  | M                              |   | <u>(6)</u> 12/06/2023 <sup>(6)</sup>                     | Common Stock  |

|                                       |            |            |   |        |            |                           |              |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------|------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup> | <u>(5)</u> | 12/10/2015 | M | 8,046  | <u>(7)</u> | 12/10/2017 <sup>(7)</sup> | Common Stock | 8 |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup> | <u>(5)</u> | 12/11/2015 | A | 24,102 | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(8)</u>                | Common Stock | 2 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| CARR ROBERT O<br>C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.<br>90 NASSAU STREET<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08542 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Charles H.N. Kallenbach,  
attorney-in-fact

12/15/2015

        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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) The reporting person's indirect beneficial ownership consists of 150,412 shares of the Issuer's common stock held by The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Issuer's common stock held by The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares of the Issuer's common stock for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) The shares of common stock were acquired upon the vesting of relative total shareholder return performance share units granted in December 2012.

(4) Each vested restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The reporting person settled the vested restricted stock units for shares of the Issuer's common stock.

(5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the common stock of the Issuer.

(6) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 6, 2014. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

(7) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 10, 2013. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock units.

(8) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 11, 2016. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

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