

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

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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 *
Lawler Michael A

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)
12/06/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President - Strategic Markets

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, NJ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2015 | | M | | 1,401 | A | \$ 0 | 5,204 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2015 | | F | | 448 | D | \$ 0 | 4,756 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2015 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,396 | A | \$ 0 | 10,152 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2015 | | F | | 2,045 | D | \$ 0 | 8,107 | D |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit (2) | (3) | 12/06/2015 | | M | 1,401 | (4) 12/06/2023(4) | Common Stock | 1,401 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (2) | (3) | 12/11/2015 | | A | 6,026 | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 6,026 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lawler Michael A C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542 | | | President - Strategic Markets | |

Signatures

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) The shares of common stock were acquired upon the vesting of relative total shareholder return performance share units granted in December 2012.
- (2) 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.

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- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s Common Stock.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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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