

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 *
 BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2015

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

(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 | 12/21/2015 | | M | | 275 | A | \$ 0 | 551,210 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 12/21/2015 | | F | | 143 | D | \$ 94.59 | 551,067 | D ⁽¹⁾ |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | 12/21/2015 | | M | 275 | <u>(4)</u> 12/19/2019 | Common Stock | 275 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542 | | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B.
Baldwin, Jr. 12/23/2015

__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 reporting person is the indirect beneficial owner of 30,442 shares of the Issuer held by the Robert H.B Baldwin, Jr. Trust U/A/D June 30, 2004 (the "Trust"). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held in the Trust, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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- (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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2015. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock units.

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