

BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2010

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President and CFO

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
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	02/12/2010		M	90,000	A \$ 9.8	531,479	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	02/12/2010		F	57,798	D \$ 15.26	473,681	D ⁽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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 9.8	02/12/2010		M	90,000	⁽³⁾ 02/15/2010	Common Stock	90,000

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			President and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B.
Baldwin, Jr. 02/17/2010

⁽¹⁾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) After the option exercises, Robert H.B. Baldwin, Jr. beneficially owns 473,681 shares of common stock of the Issuer, excluding 140,325 shares of common stock of the Issuer are held in the Issuer's 401(k) plan. Mr. Baldwin is also the indirect beneficial owner of 91,325 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are held by the Margaret J. Sieck and Whitney H. Baldwin as Trustees for an Indenture created June 30, 2004.
- (2) The options were granted under the Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) On February 15, 2005, the options were granted with vesting over a four year period. As of the date of this filing, all of the options have vested.

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