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October 23, 2012 FORM 4 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940							Number: 3235-0287 Number: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
(Print or Type R	esponses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]				ıg	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) (N TLAND PAYME INC., 90 NASSA	NT	3. Date of (Month/D 10/22/20	-	ansaction			Director X Officer (give below) V		b Owner er (specify	
PRINCETO	(Street) N, NJ 08542			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M Person	One Reporting Pe	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Acc	uired, Disposed o	f. or Beneficial	llv Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	ned 1 Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	ties A ispose 4 and (A) or	cquired d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	10/22/2012			Code V	Amount 5,000	(D) A	Price \$ 8.88	521,410	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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction of Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.88	10/22/2012	М	5,000	(3)	05/11/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$

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			Vice Chairman			

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B. 10/22/2012 Baldwin, Jr.

**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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 12, 2012.
- (2) The reporting person is the direct beneficial owner of 516,410 shares of common stock of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc., excluding 142.62 shares of common stock of the Issuer held in the Issuer's 401(k) plan. The reporting person is also the indirect beneficial owner of

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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. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held in the Indenture, 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.

(3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 11, 2010. As of the date of this filing, 71,475 have vested and 23,825 options remain unvested.

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