

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC
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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 *
 GILBERT DAVID L

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)
 12/11/2015

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 President - Hospitality Group

(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
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/22/2015		J ⁽¹⁾	15,731	A	\$ 0	43,877	D
Common Stock	12/22/2015		F	6,602	D	\$ 95.72	37,275	D

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	12/11/2015		A	3,615	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,
Restricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	12/22/2015		J <u>(1)</u>	13,074 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(5)</u> 06/14/2024 <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	13
Restricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	12/22/2015		J <u>(1)</u>	841 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(6)</u> 12/06/2023 <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	8
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	12/22/2015		J <u>(1)</u>	551 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(7)</u> 12/19/2019 <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	5
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	12/22/2015		J <u>(1)</u>	904	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILBERT DAVID L C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542			President - Hospitality Group	

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B. Baldwin, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact
(1)

12/30/2015
Date

(1)
**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. (the "Issuer") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 15, 2015 (the "Merger Agreement") with Global Payments Inc., Data Merger Sub One, Inc. and Data Merger Sub Two, LLC. The reporting person is expected to be a "disqualified individual" for purposes of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Issuer's Board of Directors approved the acceleration of the vesting and settlement of certain equity awards held by the reporting person to December 22, 2015 for purposes of mitigating the effects of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, including the vesting of 361 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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning June 14, 2013. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.
- (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 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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