

Hilltop Holdings Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Huffines James R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330  
(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
COO of Subsidiaries

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 7,033 (1)   | A  | \$ 0  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 355,836 (2)   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 47,000 (3)  | I  |   |

By James Huffines  
1994 Trust

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Huffines James R<br>200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330<br>DALLAS, TX 75201 | X             |           | COO of Subsidiaries |       |

## Signatures

/s/ JAMES R. HUFFINES 02/27/2017

\*\*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).
- Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an equal number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, upon the third anniversary of the date of grant, February 23, 2020, or immediately upon the earlier occurrence of events specified in the reporting person's restricted stock unit award agreement, including a "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc. The shares of common stock deliverable upon conversion of such restricted stock units will be subject to restrictions on transfer until the first anniversary of the vesting date of the restricted stock units, February 23, 2021, or an earlier "change in control" of Hilltop Holdings Inc.
- (1) Includes 12,028 shares held in a self-directed individual retirement account.
  - (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise, the beneficial owner of these shares.

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