

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE
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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 *
Joyce Stephen P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

1 CHOICE HOTELS CIRCLE

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 45,089 A \$ 20.41 | 185,653 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2016 | | S | 45,089 D \$ 43.08 | 140,564 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 91 A \$ 20.41 | 140,655 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2016 | | S | 91 D \$ 43.04 | 140,564 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.41 | 02/01/2016 | | M | 45,089 | <u>(3)</u> 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 45,089 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.41 | 02/02/2016 | | M | 91 | <u>(3)</u> 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 91 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Joyce Stephen P 1 CHOICE HOTELS CIRCLE ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 | | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Bret L. Limage, Attorney
In Fact 02/03/2016

__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 exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 12, 2015.

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(2) Average price reflects a series of transactions between \$42.52 and \$43.68.

(3) Options vested in four annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the February 8, 2009 grant date.

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