FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC [BBSI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| HICKS JAMES | 00 NE PARKWAY DRIVE, SUITE 200 eet) | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Officer (give title | Other (specify | | | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/06/2011 | | below) | below) | | | | | | |
| 8100 NE PARKWA |) NE PARKWAY DRIVE, SUITE 200 | | 04/00/2011 | | | | | | | | | |
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| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che | ck 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) | Execution Date, ear) if any | | Execution Date, 1 | | ate, Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---|--|------------|---|--|
| | | | Code | v | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Expiration Date Securities Underlying | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership o Form: B Direct (D) C | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|-----|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$16.53 | 04/06/2011 | | A | | 5,000 | | 04/06/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 04/06/2021 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$0 | 5,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ Becomes\ exercisable\ in\ eight\ equal\ annual\ installments\ beginning\ April\ 6,\ 2012.$

James D. Miller, as attorney-in-fact 04/07/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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