Government Properties Income Trust Form 4 March 28, 2013 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PORTNOY BARRY M Issuer Symbol **Government Properties Income Trust** (Check all applicable) [NYSE: GOV] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & 03/27/2013 RESEARCH LLC, TWO NEWTON PL., 255 WASH. ST., STE. 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **NEWTON, MA 02458** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount Common \$ Shares of 41,911.802 03/27/2013 **J**(1) D 11.126 25.42 Α (3) Beneficial (2) Interest

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)	5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
i B			10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PORTNOY BARRY M C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC TWO NEWTON PL., 255 WASH. ST., STE. 300 NEWTON, MA 02458		Х						
Signatures								
/s/ Barry M. Portnoy	03/27/2013							

\*\*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).

These shares were issued pursuant to a business management agreement between the Issuer and Reit Management & Research LLC ("RMR") of which Mr. Portnoy is a director and majority beneficial owner. Mr. Portnoy purchased these shares from RMR upon their

(1) issuance. Such transfers were exempt from Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, pursuant to Rule 16a-13 thereunder.

In accordance with the business management agreement referred to above, certain historical share price information was used to determine the number of common shares of beneficial interest paid to RMR. The per share price amount listed above is the closing sale

- (2) price of the Issuer's common shares of beneficial interest on the New York Stock Exchange on March 27, 2013, when the shares were issued and purchased.
- Includes 2,135.989 shares acquired under the Government Properties Income Trust Dividend Reinvestment Plan since the last Section 16 (3) filing by Mr. Portnoy.

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