

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, 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 *
PENA MARDELLE W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Human Resources

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, 100 PEARL STREET
 (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

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/14/2017		F	252 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 105.6	6,102	D
Common Stock	03/15/2017		A	800 ⁽²⁾ A	\$ 0	6,902 ⁽³⁾	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other
PENA MARDELLE W C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103			EVP, Human Resources		

Signatures

/s/Mark S. Flynn,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/16/2017

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).
- (1) Exempt disposition to the Issuer under Rule 16b-3(e) to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising out of the vesting of a RSU award.
These shares comprise an award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the reporting person pursuant to the Company's 2017 Long Term Incentive Plan. Subject to acceleration in certain circumstances, the RSUs are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2020 and will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.
- (2) This number includes (i) 815 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2019; and (ii) 800 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2020. RSUs will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.

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