FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Guilbert Edward H III (Month/Day/Year)  05/15/2019				nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [ PDM ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR		` ′ ′			Relationship of Reporting Personal (Check all applicable)     Director		10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
SUITE 450					X Officer (give title Other (special below) below)  EVP - Finance & Treasurer			ecify	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street) ATLANTA	GA	30342				EVF - Findice & 1	reasurer		X		y One Reporting Person y More than One erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of Securities Geneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct (D)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock						44,472	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
Expira			Expiration D	Date Exercisable and xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)		tle and Amount of Securi erlying Derivative Securi			ercise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	•	Amount or Number of Shares	Deriva Securi	ative	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Robert E. Bowers as

Attorney-in-Fact for Edward

H. Guilbert III

05/23/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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