FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Pangburn Joseph H.  (Last) (First) (Middle)  11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY  STE 350  (Street)          |   |         |               |  | 3. Dat 05/01 | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [ PDM ]     3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     05/01/2016  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |       |  |   |         |       |               |               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable)  Director  X Officer (give title below)  EVP- Southwest I  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Line)  X Form filed by One Repo |   |  |  | 10% C<br>Other below)<br>t Region                 | Owner<br>(specify<br>Applicable                     |
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| JOHNS C  | JOHNS CREEK GA 30097  |         |               |  |              |   |  |       |  |   |         |       |               |               | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |   |  |  |   | orting  |
| (City)   | (Sta  | ate) (Z | Zip)          |  |              |   |  |       |  |   |         |       |               |               |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |   | Tabl    | e I - N       | lon-Deriv  | ative S      | Secu  | ıritie   | s Acc | quired,  | Dis   | osed of | f, or | Ben           | eficia        | ally C  | Owne  | ed   |  |   |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/   |   |         |               |  | //Year)      | Execution Date,   |  |       | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5) |   |         |       |               |               | 1   | Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned                                   | rities<br>eficially<br>ed  |  | wnership<br>m: Direct<br>or<br>rect (I)<br>tr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |   |         |               |  |              |   |  |       | Code   | v   | Amount  |       | (A) or<br>(D) | Price         | !   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | (IIIst   | u. 4)   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock 05/01/20  |   |         |               |  | .016         |   |  |       | F  |   | 307(1)  | D \$  |               | <b>\$19</b> . | .91   | 16,617  |  |  | D   |   |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |         |               |  |              |   |  |       |  |   |         |       |               |               |   |   |  |  |   |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | ive Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |         | 4.<br>Transac | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |              |   | C. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |       |  | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)  Amount or Numb of Title Share |         | nstr. |               |               | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)  |   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>I) (Instr. | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. In connection with the vesting of 1,119 shares of deferred stock on May 1, 2016 (representing 25% of an initial grant made on May 1, 2015), 307 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

## Remarks:

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorneyin-Fact for Joseph H. Pangburn 05/03/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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