FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Bowers Robert E (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2013 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) (specify below) |
|--|---------------|----------------|---|---|
| (Street) JOHNS CREEK (City) | GA (State) | 30097 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securition (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | osec | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | Α | | 1,061 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 172,892 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | Α | | 16,392 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 189,284 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | F | | 1,682 (3) | D | \$ 19.47 | 187,602 | D | | |

| | 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 De (Instr. 8) Ser Acc (A) Dis of (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative | | 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2010 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.
- 2. Of the shares granted, 25% vest on the day of the grant, and the remaining shares vest ratably on the anniversary date of the grant date over the following three years.
- 3. In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (1,061), and the vesting of 25% of the restricted stock award (4,098) on April
- 2, 2013, 1,682 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

/s/ Laura P. Moon as
Attorney-in-Fact for Robert
E. Bowers

O4/04/2013

** Signature of Reporting 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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