FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|------|-------|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------|---|--|-----------------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|--|------|--|
| Miller Donald A | | | | | 1 | realion Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDW] | | | | | | | | | X Dire | | ector | | 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | X Office below | | er (give title v) | | Other (specify below) | | |
| 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY | | | | | | 05/09/2017 | | | | | | | | | President and CEO | | | | | | |
| STE. 350 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) JOHNS CREEK GA 30097 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (St | ate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | eay/Year) Execut | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 4 and S B O | | ount of ities icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | ct o | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | v | | | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | , | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | ,, | msu. 4 <i>j</i> | | | | | |
| Common Stock 05/09/ | | | | | | /09/2017 | | | | | 5,553(1 | (1) D \$ | | \$21 | .38 | 8 560,080 | | 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 (Instr. 3) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 34. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Num of Derive Securi Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | str. 3 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Insti | hip o B D) C ect (I | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber ares | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. In connection with the vesting of 25% of the restricted stock award (11,580 shares) on May 9, 2017, 5,553 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 Donald A. Miller, 05/11/2017 CFA

** 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).
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