FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Prescott Thomas R. | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM] | | | | | | | | | | Check all D | | ble) | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
|--|---|--|--|---------|---|---|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------|-------------------|--|---|--|---|--|------------|--|
| (Last) 5565 GL STE. 450 | ENRIDGE | rst) (CONNECTOR | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2019 | | | | | | | | | | below) below) EVP-Midwest Region | | | | |
| (Street) ATLAN1 (City) | | | 30342 Zip) | | _ 4. If | | | | | | | | ine) X F | , | | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - No | n-Deri\ | /ative | Se | curiti | es Ac | quired | , Dis | sposed c | f, or | Ben | efici | ally Ov | vned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I | | | | | ır) i | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | nd Se Be Ov | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (| (A) or (D) | Price | 、 Tra | ported ansaction str. 3 and | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/12 | 2/2019 | | | | A | | 6,906 | 1) | A | \$ | 0 | 39,564 D | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/12 | 2/2019 | | | | F | | 2,227 | 2) | D | \$20 |).47 | 47 37,337 D | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/ | Date, | Date, Transaction Code (Inst | | | | 6. Date I Expirati (Month/I | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | 8. Price Derivating Security (Instr. 5) | ve deri Sec Ben Owr Foll Rep Trar | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | or Nui of | nount mber ares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2016-2018 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.
- 2. In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (6,906 shares) on February 12, 2019, 2,227 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 Thomas R. Prescott

02/13/2019

** 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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