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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Taysom Dale H.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR STE. 450 (Street) ATLANTA GA 30342 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2021 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2021 | | M | | 6,540 | A | (1)(2) | 32,645.686 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2021 | | F | | 1,815 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$17.96 | 30,830.686 | 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 (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/11/2021 | | M | | | 6,540 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 6,540 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/11/2021 | | A | | 5,011 | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 5,011 | \$0 | 5,011 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PDM common stock. Restricted stock units may be settled in cash or common stock at PDM's election.
- On May 13, 2020, the reporting person was granted 6,540 restricted stock units, which vested at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. on May 11, 2021, and were settled in PDM common stock.
- In connection with the vesting of 6,540 shares of deferred stock on May 11, 2021, (representing 100% of a grant made at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 13, 2020), 1,815 shares were forfeited by the reporting person and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- On May 11, 2021, at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc., the reporting person was granted 5,011 restricted stock units, which will vest on the earlier of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or the anniversary of the grant date in May 2022.

Remarks:

Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Dale H. Taysom 05/12/2021

** 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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