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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

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smith Christopher Brent</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY STE 350  (Street) JOHNS CREEK GA 30097  (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) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ <u>Chief Inv. Off &amp; EVP-NE Reg</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	05/01/2018		F		607 <sup>(1)</sup>		D	\$18.1	52,420	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. In connection with the vesting of 1,999 shares of deferred stock on May 1, 2018 (representing 25% of an initial grant made on May 1, 2015), 607 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

Remarks:

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Brent Smith 05/03/2018

\*\* 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of DONALD A. MILLER, ROBERT E. BOWERS, or LAURA P. MOON signing singly, the

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC. (the "Company")
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to carry out the above and to execute the same.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of October, 2015.

/s/ Christopher Brent Smith

Christopher Brent Smith