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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Owens Raymond Lee</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP- Cap Mkts</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/02/2013</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 | 04/02/2013 | | A | | 379 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 | 62,933 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | A | | 5,856 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$0 | 68,789 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | F | | 713 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$19.47 | 68,076 | 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 | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2010 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.
- 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.
- In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (379), and the vesting of 25% of the restricted stock award (1,464) on April 2, 2013, 713 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 Raymond Lee 04/04/2013
Owens

** 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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