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## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|  |                        |               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.</u> [PDM ] |   | tionship of Reportin<br>all applicable)<br>Director | ig Person(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner |  |  |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>11695 JOHNS C  | (First)<br>REEK PARKWA | (Middle)<br>Y | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/04/2012                                  | x   | Officer (give title below)                          | Other (specify<br>below)<br>ap Mkts |  |  |
| STE. 350<br>(Street)<br>JOHNS CREEK GA 30097<br>(City) (State) (Zip) |                        |               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |   |                                     |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of<br>and 5) |               |             | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|---------------|-------------|--|--|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                                    | v | Amount                                 | (A) or<br>(D) | Price       | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   | (1150.4)   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2012                                 |   | A                                       |   | 3,282(1)                               | A             | \$ <u>0</u> | 56,747   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2012                                 |   | A                                       |   | 8,413(2)                               | A             | \$ <u>0</u> | 65,160   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2012                                 |   | F                                       |   | 1,643(3)                               | D             | \$17.49     | 63,517   | D  |   |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8) |   | 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable an<br>of Expiration Date<br>Month/Day/Year)<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | ate                 | Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva | nt of<br>ties<br>ying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. | of                                     | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|---|---|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                             | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date                  | Title                                       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |                         |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2010 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.

2. 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.

3. In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (3,282), and the vesting of 25% of the restricted stock award (2,103) on April 4, 2012, 1,643 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-</u> in-Fact for Raymond Lee 04/05/2012

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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