FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Smith Christopher Brent						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [ PDM ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 5565 GL STE, 450	(First) (Middle)  ENRIDGE CONNECTOR				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2022										X Officer (give title below)  President & Ch			Other (s	specify
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30342 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X 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/						Execution [			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				d Secur Benef	ties For cially (D) d Following (I) (		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(111501.4)
Common Stock 02/02/20						)22					134,666(1	.) /	4	\$0	) 2	271,044		D	
Common Stock 02/02/20					022	)22					65,044 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	D \$18.		16 2	6 206,000		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. Transactio Date (Month/Day/			if any	eemed tion Date, n/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		nstr.	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expiration Date	Title	or Nun of						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2019-2021 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.
- 2. In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (134,666 shares) on February 2, 2022, 65,044 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations

## Remarks:

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-

02/04/2022 in-Fact for Christopher Brent

Smith

\*\* 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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