Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 May 03, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Prescott Thomas R. Issuer Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Check all applicable) [PDM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 11695 JOHNS CREEK 05/01/2016 **EVP-Midwest Region** PARKWAY, STE 350 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 05/01/2016 F 249⁽¹⁾ D 11,062 D 19.91 Stock

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

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 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. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Mumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amo Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
Beno	rting O	wpars			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Reporting Owners												
Report	ting Owner N	ame / Address			Relatio	onships						
			Director	10% Ow	ner Offic	er		Other				

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05/03/2016

Date

Prescott Thomas R. 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY STE 350 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

Signatures

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas R. Prescott

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) In connection with the vesting of 799 shares of deferred stock on May 1, 2016 (representing 25% of an initial grant made on May 1, 2015), 249 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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