Prescott Thomas R. Form 4 May 29, 2018

### FORM 4

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| Prescott Thomas R.                         |        | erson <u>*</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM] | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                          |  |  |  |
|--|--------|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (F<br>5565 GLENRIDO<br>CONNECTOR, S | θE     | iiddle)        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2018                          | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP-Midwest Region                   |  |  |  |
| (S   | treet) |                | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |  |  |

ATLANTA, GA 30342

Stock

| (City)                               | (State) (                            | Table Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative Secur  | ities Acq   | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Ador(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D) | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 05/24/2018                           |   | D                                      | 502 (1) D  | \$<br>18.64 | 33,100   | D  |   |
| Common                               | 05/24/2018                           |   | F                                      | 442 (2) D  | \$<br>18.64 | 32,658   | D  |   |

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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.          | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and     | 7. Title  | and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orNumber    | Expiration D  | ate             | Amount    | t of   | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of          | (Month/Day/   | Year)           | Underly   | ing    | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative  | e             |                 | Securitie | es     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities  |               |                 | (Instr. 3 | and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired    |               |                 |           |        |             | Follo  |
|             | •           |                     |                    |            | (A) or      |               |                 |           |        |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed    |               |                 |           |        |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)      |               |                 |           |        |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3,  |               |                 |           |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)   |               |                 |           |        |             |        |
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|             |             |                     |                    |            |             |               |                 |           | mount  |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |             | Date          | Expiration      | Title N   |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Exercisable | Date          | Title Number of |           |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | C + V      | (A) (D)     |               |                 |           |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)     |               |                 | S         | hares  |             |        |

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Prescott Thomas R. 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR STE, 450 ATLANTA, GA 30342

**EVP-Midwest Region** 

### **Signatures**

/s/ Robert. E. Bowers as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas R.

Prescott 05/29/2018

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Of the 2,009 shares that vested on May 24, 2018, representing 25% of an initial award granted on May 24, 2016, Mr. Prescott elected to defer 25% of the award (equivalent of 502 shares) into the Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") Executive NonQualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("NQDCP") (approved by the Board of Directors of the Issuer on December 5, 2013). A cash contribution

- (1) approximating the dollar vale of the amount to be deferred will be covered by a Rabbi Trust established by the Issuer. Under the terms of the NQDCP, the dollar amount of the deferral is credited to the Rabbi Trust instead of crediting shares to the participant's share account. The investments of the Rabbi Trust will be substantially the same as the investments selected under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, including various mutual funds, but will not include ownership of Issuer common stock. Payouts under the NQDCP will be made only in cash.
- In connection with the vesting of 1,507 shares of deferred stock on May 24, 2018, representing shares vested net of deferral into the (2) NQDCP mentioned above, 442 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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