Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. Form 8-K January 10, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 9, 2012

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34626

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 58-2328421 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11695 Johns Creek Parkway Suite 350 Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

770-418-8800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 9, 2012, Piedmont 500 West Monroe Fee LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Registrant"), repaid a \$140.0 million mortgage loan (the "Mortgage Loan") secured by the Registrant's 500 West Monroe Building in Chicago, Illinois. The Mortgage Loan represented the last remaining debt outstanding on the 500 West Monroe Building and had the option to be paid off prior to maturity without incurring a defeasance or yield maintenance penalty.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: January 10, 2012

By: /s/ Robert E. Bowers Robert E. Bowers Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President