

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 10-K/A  
January 22, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K/A**

Amendment No. 2

(Mark One)

☒ Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

or

☐ Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 000-25739

**PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**58-2328421**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**11695 Johns Creek Parkway Ste. 350**

**Johns Creek, Georgia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(770) 418-8800**

**30097**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
**NONE**

Name of exchange on which registered  
**NONE**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (g) of the Act:

**COMMON STOCK**

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(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☒ Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

Aggregate market value of the voting stock held by nonaffiliates: \_\_\_\_\_

Since there was no established market for the voting and non-voting common stock as of June 30, 2008, there is no market value for shares of such stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of such date. As of June 30, 2008, there were 476,110,116 shares of common stock held by non-affiliates.

**Number of shares outstanding of the registrant's**

**only class of common stock, as of February 28, 2009: 478,870,781 shares**

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. ( Piedmont ) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on March 13, 2009, is being filed for the sole purpose of including management's conclusion as to the effectiveness of Piedmont's disclosure controls and procedures, which was inadvertently omitted from the Form 10-K. Pursuant to the rules of the SEC, we are also amending the Form 10-K to contain currently-dated certifications from Piedmont's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as required by SEC rules. We are making no other changes to the original Form 10-K.

### ITEM 9A(T). CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### Management's Conclusions Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this annual report in providing a reasonable level of assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods in SEC rules and forms, including providing a reasonable level of assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer and effected by our management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP and includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and disposition of our assets;

provide reasonable assurance that the transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and/or members of the board of directors; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls, material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. In addition, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes and conditions or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Accordingly, even internal controls determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and represented within the time periods required.

Our management has assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2008. To make this assessment, we used the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway

Commission (COSO). Based on this assessment, our management believes that, as of December 31, 2008, our system of internal control over financial reporting was effective.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the SEC that permit us to provide only management's report in this annual report.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have been no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized this 22nd day of January 2010.

**Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ DONALD A. MILLER, CFA  
**Donald A. Miller, CFA**  
**President, Principal Executive Officer, and Director**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**  
**TO**  
**2008 FORM 10-K/A**  
**AMENDMENT No. 2**  
**OF**  
**PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002