FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wells George M. | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM] | | | | | | | | | | eck all appli | ionship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title | | son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s | wner |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|----------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) 5565 GL STE. 450 | ENRIDGE | irst) CONNECTOR | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2023 | | | | | | | | | | below) | below) below) EVP- Chief Operating Officer | | | | |
| (Street) | ГА G | A | 30342 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Persor | 1 | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | n-Deriv | ative | Sec | curiti | es Ac | quir | ed, D | is | posed o | of, or | Ben | eficial | ly Owned | t | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/L | | | | | r) E | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Co | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | (A) or 3, 4 and | Benefic | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | | de V | | Amount | | A) or D) | Price | Transac | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 02/ | | | | | 2023 | | | N | Л | | 3,061 | | A | (1)(2) | 92 | 92,006 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 02/1 | | | | | 2023 | | I | 7 | | 1,473(1) | | D | \$10.0 | 90 | ,533 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 02/19/ | | | | | | 2023 | | | N | 4 | | 1,280 | | A | (2)(3) | 91 | 91,813 | | D | |
| Common Stock 02/19/ | | | | | | 2023 | | | I | 7 | | 616 ⁽³⁾ D | | D | \$10.0 | 91 | 91,197 | | D | |
| | | 7 | able II - | Derivat (e.g., p | | | | | | | | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | n Date, | 4. Transac Code (Ir 3) | | of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I | oosed D) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercis. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | | Amou Secu Unde Deriv | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | isable | | xpiration ate | Title | O N O | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 ⁽²⁾ | 02/17/2023 | | | М | | | 3,061 | (| 1) | | (1) | Comi | | 3,061 | \$0 | 27,367 | 7 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 ⁽²⁾ | 02/19/2023 | | | M | | | 1,280 | (| 3) | | (3) | Comi | | 1,280 | \$0 | 26,087 | , [| D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On February 17, 2021, the reporting person was granted 12,245 restricted stock units, vesting in four equal, annual installments beginning on the grant date. On February 17, 2023, 25% of the grant vested (3,061 shares) and were settled in PDM common stock. In connection with this vesting, 1,473 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to PDM to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PDM common stock. Restricted stock units may be settled in cash or common stock at PDM's election.
- 3. On February 19, 2020, the reporting person was granted 5,121 restricted stock units, vesting in four equal, annual installments beginning on the grant date. On February 19, 2023, the final 25% of the grant vested (1,280 shares) and were settled in PDM common stock. In connection with this vesting, 616 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to PDM to satisfy tax withholding obligations

Remarks:

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorneyin-Fact for George M. Wells ** Signature of Reporting Person

02/21/2023

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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