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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Owens Raymond Lee</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY STE. 350  (Street) JOHNS CREEK GA 30097  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [ PDM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP- Chief Investment Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/10/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/10/2017		A		7,124 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	88,855	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2017		F		2,577 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$22	86,278	D	

**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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Such shares were granted without restriction pursuant to the performance share component of the 2014 Long Term Incentive Compensation plan.
- In connection with the grant of the unrestricted stock award (7,124 shares) on February 10, 2017, 2,577 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Raymond Lee      02/14/2017  
Owens

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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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