

Prescott Thomas R.  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Prescott Thomas R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.  
[PDM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP-Midwest Region

5565 GLENRIDGE  
CONNECTOR, STE. 450

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30342

(City) (State) (Zip)

### 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/24/2018		D	502 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 18.64	33,100	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2018		F	442 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 05/29/2018  
 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- 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 value 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.
  - (2) In connection with the vesting of 1,507 shares of deferred stock on May 24, 2018, representing shares vested net of deferral into the NQDCP mentioned above, 442 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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