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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **Bowers Robert E** Issuer Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Check all applicable) [PDM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 5565 GLENRIDGE 05/18/2018 **EVP-CFO** CONNECTOR, STE. 450 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ATLANTA, GA 30342 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Ownership Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common 2,697 F D 05/18/2018 258,100 D (1)Stock 17.93

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bowers Robert E 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR

STE. 450

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ATLANTA, GA 30342

Signatures

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert E. Bowers

05/22/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (1) In connection with the vesting of 5,946 shares of deferred stock on May 18, 2018 (representing 25% of an initial grant made on May 18, 2017), 2,697 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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