Swope Jeffrey L.
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Swope Jeffrey L.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR, STE. 450

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30342

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

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

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	05/15/2018		F		824 (1)	D	$ 18.25	28,802.5282 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2018		A		4,484 (3)	A	$ 0	33,286.5282 (2)	D	
Common Stock								36,384.2388 (2)	I	By Champion Operating Partnership II, Ltd.

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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
Swope Jeffrey L. 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR STE. 450 ATLANTA, GA 30342	X			

Signatures

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey L. Swope	05/17/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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****** 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 3,741 shares of deferred stock on May 15, 2018 (the date of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.), representing the vesting of an initial grant made on May 18, 2017, 824 shares were forfeited by the director and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

(2) The balance includes shares obtained through Piedmont's dividend reinvestment plan during the period in which the shares where obtained.

(3) Shares granted will vest on the earlier of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. or the anniversary of the grant date in May 2019.

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