

Smith James M.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Smith James M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2012

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

(Street)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(5)</sup>	02/14/2012		A	3,389 A \$ 0	17,497	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)**

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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. Filing Date (Instr. 3)
Long-Term Incentive Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	02/14/2012		A	2,513	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,513

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith James M. 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105			Chief Technology Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster, Attorney-in-Fact	02/16/2012
__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) Long-term incentive units are membership interests in Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), of which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is the general partner. Long-term incentive units receive the same quarterly distributions as common limited partnership units of the Operating Partnership ("Common Units"). Long-term incentive units may initially not have full parity with Common Units with respect to liquidating distributions; however, upon the occurrence of specified events, long-term incentive units may achieve full parity with Common Units for all purposes, and thereafter vested long-term incentive units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units will be redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock.
  - (2) 1 for 1.
  - (3) Twenty percent (20%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2013, an additional 20% will vest on February 27, 2014, an additional 30% will vest on February 27, 2015 and the remaining 30% will vest on February 27, 2016.
  - (4) N/A
  - (5) Reflects restricted stock initially granted on February 10, 2011 that was subject to a performance-based vesting condition, which performance-based vesting condition was satisfied in full on February 14, 2012.

## Remarks:

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This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of the Issuer is being filed to report a transaction(s)

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