

Bowers Robert E
 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 *
 Bowers Robert E

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)
 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, STE. 350
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/24/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

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 | 05/24/2012 | | F | (1) | \$ 1,445 16.78 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/24/2012 | | F | (2) | \$ 2,602 16.78 | 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bowers Robert E 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY STE. 350 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 | | | EVP-CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert E. Bowers
Date: 05/29/2012

__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) In connection with the vesting of 4,453 shares of deferred stock on May 24, 2012 (representing 33% of an initial grant made on May 24, 2010), 1,445 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) In connection with the vesting of 8,017 shares of deferred stock on May 24, 2012 (representing 25% of an initial grant made on May 24, 2010), 2,602 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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