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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

Smith Christopher Brent Issuer Symbol Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Check all applicable) [PDM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 5565 GLENRIDGE 01/03/2019 President & Chief Inv. Off CONNECTOR, STE. 450

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line)

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ATLANTA, GA 30342

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	equired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/03/2019		F	868 (1) D \$ 17.1:	70,960	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith Christopher Brent 5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR STE. 450 ATLANTA, GA 30342

President & Chief Inv. Off

Signatures

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Brent Smith

01/07/2019

**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 2,432 shares of deferred stock on January 3, 2019 (representing 20% of an initial grant made on January 3, 2014), 868 shares were forfeited by the employee and delivered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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