

Swope Jeffrey L.  
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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 \*  
Swope Jeffrey L.

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)  
03/13/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/13/2018		P	5,700	\$ 17.57 <u>(1)</u>	36,026.1863 <u>(2)</u>	I By Champion Operating Partnership II, Ltd.
Common Stock						29,318.2437 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock						0 <u>(3)</u>	I By Champion Associates Ltd.

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
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**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Swope Jeffrey L. 11695 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY STE. 350 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097		X		

**Signatures**

/s/ Laura P. Moon as Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey L. Swope 03/14/2018

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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.57 to \$17.58, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. ("Piedmont"), any security holder of Piedmont, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.
  - (2) The balance includes shares obtained through Piedmont's dividend reinvestment plan during the period in which the shares were obtained.
  - (3) Mr. Swope transferred the total balance of the Champion Associates Ltd. indirect holding, consisting solely of shares of common stock of Piedmont including shares obtained through Piedmont's dividend reinvestment plan, to the Champion Operating Partnership II, Ltd.

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indirect holding.

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