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Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.
Form 8-K
March 20, 2015

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

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2015

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34626

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

58-2328421
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11695 Johns Creek Parkway
Suite 350
Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

770-418-8800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

As previously disclosed, on July 30, 2014, the Board of Directors of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Corporation") amended the Corporation's Corporate Governance Guidelines to limit a non-employee director's term of service to 15 years (the "Term Limits"). When adopting the Term Limits, the Board of Directors also determined that it was in the best interest of the Corporation to provide for a transition period with respect to Mr. William H. Keogler, Jr., who has served on the Corporation's Board of Directors in excess of 15 years, on the understanding that, if nominated for election as a director at the Corporation's 2015 annual meeting of stockholders (the "2015 Annual Meeting"), Mr. Keogler would tender a resignation from the Board effective September 30, 2015. On March 16, 2015, in connection with his nomination for election as a director at the 2015 Annual Meeting, Mr. Keogler tendered his resignation from the Board effective September 30, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Dated: March 20, 2015

By: /s/ Robert E. Bowers
Robert E. Bowers
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President