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Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. Form 8-K	
December 19, 2011	
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISS Washington, D.C. 20549	ION
Form 8-K	
CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities	es Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported	): December 14, 2011
Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its ch	arter)
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, includ	ing zip code)
770-418-8800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area	code)
(Former name or former address, if changed si	nce last report)
the registrant under any of the following provi	8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of sions: 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[ ] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-1	2 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
[ ] Pre-commencement communications purs	suant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
[ ] Pre-commencement communications purs	suant 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

#### (d) Appointment of Raymond G. Milnes, Jr. as Director

Effective December 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Registrant") appointed Raymond G. Milnes, Jr., 60, to serve as a director of the Registrant as further described in the press release attached hereto.

Mr. Milnes is expected to serve on the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and his compensation as a director will be provided on the same basis as that provided to the Registrant's other non-employee directors, as outlined in the Registrant's most recent Annual Proxy Statement as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2011.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

Press Release dated December 19, 2011 announcing the appointment of Raymond G. Milnes, Jr.

as Director of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

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#### **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.

Date: December 19, 2011 By: /s/ Robert E. Bowers

Robert E. Bowers

Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

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