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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stein A William Issuer Symbol Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ \_\_Other (specify 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 11/14/2011 below) 2900 CFO and CIO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecuri	ties Aco	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/14/2011		M(1)	1,921	A	<u>(2)</u>	7,421	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2011		S	1,921	D	\$ 65	5,500	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2011		M(3)	379	A	<u>(4)</u>	5,879	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2011		S	379	D	\$ 65	5,500	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class C Profits Interest Units (2)	<u>(5)</u>	11/14/2011		M <u>(1)</u>	1,921	(2)	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,921
Long-Term Incentive Units (4)	<u>(5)</u>	11/14/2011		M <u>(3)</u>	379	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	379

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stein A William

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 CFO and CIO

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

## **Signatures**

/s/ Barbara Polster, attorney-in-fact

\*\*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)
A. William Stein converted 1,921 Class C Profits Interest Units ("Class C Units") into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and subsequently redeemed the 1,921 Common Units for 1,921 hares of the common stock of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer"), all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.

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- Class C Units are membership interests in the Operating Partnership of which the Issuer is the general partner. Vested Class C Units that have satisfied the performance condition and achieved full parity with Common Units receive the same quarterly distributions as Common Units, and may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units will be redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Class C Units have achieved full parity with Common Units.
- A. William Stein converted 379 long-term incentive units into Common Units of the Operating Partnership, and subsequently redeemed the 379 Common Units for 379 shares of the common stock of the Issuer, all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
- Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership. Vested profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units in the Operating Partnership on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (**5**) 1 for 1.
- (6) N/A

#### **Remarks:**

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is being a Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.