

Peterson Scott E
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Peterson Scott E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2012

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

Senior VP, Acquisitions

(Street)
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 14,902 | A | <u>(2)</u> 14,902 |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | S | | 14,902 | D | \$ 71.22 <u>(3)</u> 0 |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | | 6,098 | A | <u>(5)</u> 6,098 |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | S | | 6,098 | D | \$ 71.22 <u>(3)</u> 0 |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Class C Profits Interest Units ⁽²⁾ | <u>(6)</u> | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 14,902 | <u>(2)</u> <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 14,902 |
| Long-Term Incentive Units ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(6)</u> | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,098 | <u>(5)</u> <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 6,098 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Peterson Scott E 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 | | | Senior VP, Acquisitions | |

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster,
attorney-in-fact

03/19/2012

**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 reporting person converted 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 Common Units for shares 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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- (2) 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.
- (3) Represents the average sale price. Exact sale prices range from \$71.21 to \$71.25.
- (4) The reporting person converted long-term incentive units into Common Units of the Operating Partnership, and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for 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)
- (6) 1 for 1.
- (7) N/A

Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of the Issuer is being filed to report a transaction(s)

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