

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.
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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

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

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP, Acquisitions

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2008 | | M | 20,204 A \$ 12 | 20,204 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2008 | | S | 20,204 D \$ 32 0 ⁽¹⁾ | | 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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12 | 12/17/2008 | | M | 20,204 | <u>(2)</u> 10/28/2014 | Common Stock 20,204 |

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
12/18/2008

__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) Applies to common stock only. Excludes options, profits interest units, Class C profits interest units, and any other derivative securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. still held by reporting person.
- (2) The option vests in four equal installments on October 28, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

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