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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 * Foust Michael F | | | 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) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2008 | X Director 10% Owner Step Other (give title below) to below) CEO and Director | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
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| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-De | erivative So | ecuritie | s Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. | 4. Securiti | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | (Wolldin Dayr Tear) | any | Code | (D) | • | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | | M(1) | 25,338 | A ! | <u>(2)</u> | 46,111 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | | M(3) | 4,743 | A ! | <u>(4)</u> | 50,854 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | es (Month/Day/Year) d (A) osed of | | 7. Title and Amount o 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 (1) (2) | <u>(5)</u> | 12/29/2008 | | M(1) | 25,338 | (2) | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 25,338 | | |
| Long-Term Incentive Units (3) (4) | <u>(5)</u> | 12/29/2008 | | M(3) | 4,743 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 4,743 | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Foust Michael F 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 | X | | CEO and Director | | | |

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).
- Michael Foust converted 25,338 Class C Profits Interest 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 25,338 Common Units for 25,338 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.
 - Class C Units are membership interests in the Operating Partnership of which the Issuer is the general partner. Class C Units that have satisfied the performance condition and achieved full parity with Common Units receive the same quarterly distributions as Common
- (2) 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) Michael Foust converted 4,743 long-term incentive 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 4,743 Common Units for

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4,743 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.

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

- (4) 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

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