Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 January 06, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Peterson Scott E

(First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, 01/04/2017 **SUITE 3200**

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Acquisitions Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	(1)	01/04/2017		A		49,059 (2)		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	49,059	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	01/04/2017		A		16,414 (3)		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	16,414	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Peterson Scott E			Chief					
FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200			Acquisitions					
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111			Officer					

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati, attorney-in-fact 01/06/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner. Vested profits interestunits may be converted into an equal number of common limited partnership units ("Common Units") in the Operating Partnership subject to the terms of the Operating Partnership's limited partnership agreement. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent numbers of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of sharesof 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.
- Reflects an award initially granted on February 11, 2014 that was subject to a performance-based vesting condition which was determined to be satisfied on January 4, 2017. The number of units reported herein includes 5,675 distribution equivalent units, which vested effective as of December 31, 2016. The remaining 43,384 units are subject to an additional time-based vesting condition, pursuant to which 50% will vest on February 27, 2017 and 50% will vest on February 27, 2018. The vested profits interest units have no expiration date.
- Reflects an award initially granted on February 11, 2014 that was subject to a performance-based vesting condition which was determined to be satisfied on January 4, 2017. The number of units reported herein includes 1,928 distribution equivalent units, which vested effective as of December 31, 2016. The remaining 14,486 units are subject to an additional time-based vesting condition, pursuant to which 50% will vest on February 27, 2017 and 50% will vest on February 27, 2018. The vested profits interest units have no expiration date.

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Remarks:

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