Stein A William Form 4 February 16, 2012

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Stein A William

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2012

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) CFO and CIO

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900

(First)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3.

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/14/2012		A		10,771		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10,771
Long-Term Incentive Units (1) (5)	<u>(2)</u>	02/14/2012		A		16,947		(5)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	16,947

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stein A William

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 CFO and CIO

# **Signatures**

/s/ Barbara Polster, attorney-in-fact

02/16/2012

\*\*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).

Long-term incentive units are membership interests in Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), of which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is the general partner. Long-term incentive units receive the same quarterly distributions as common limited partnership units of the Operating Partnership ("Common Units"). Long-term incentive units may initially not have full parity with Common Units with respect to liquidating distributions; however, upon the occurrence of specified events, long term incentive units may achieve full parity with Common Units for all purposes, and thereafter vested long term

- may initially not have full parity with Common Units with respect to liquidating distributions; however, upon the occurrence of specified events, long-term incentive units may achieve full parity with Common Units for all purposes, and thereafter vested long-term incentive units 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.
- (2) 1 for 1.
- Twenty percent (20%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2013, an additional 20% will vest on February 27, 2014, an additional 30% will vest on February 27, 2015 and the remaining 30% will vest on February 27, 2016.
- (4) N/A
- Reflects long-term incentive units initially granted on February 10, 2011 that were subject to a performance-based vesting condition, which performance-based vesting condition was satisfied in full on February 14, 2012. These long-term incentive units are also subject to time-based vesting, pursuant to which 20% of the units will vest on February 27, 2012, 20% will vest on February 27, 2013, 30% will vest on February 27, 2014 and 30% will vest on February 27, 2015.

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#### **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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