Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 March 24, 2014

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Smith James M.

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)

1(b).

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

Chief Technology Officer

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, 03/07/2014 **SUITE 3200** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(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

Person

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City)	(State)	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. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of		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)		
Common Stock	03/07/2014		M <u>(1)</u>	1,089	A	(2)	26,032	D			
Common Stock	03/20/2014		S	6,093	D	\$ 49.9447	19,939	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration D (Month/Day)	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	
Long-Term Incentive Units (2)	<u>(3)</u>	03/07/2014		M	1,089	(2)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,089	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith James M. FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

Chief Technology Officer

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### **Signatures**

/s/ S. Ryan Black, attorney-in-fact

03/24/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.

## **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 long-term incentive units into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty
  Trust, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, 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, of which the Issuer is the general partner. Profits interest units may initially not have full parity with Common Units with respect to liquidating distributions; however upon the occurrence of specified events, profits interest units may achieve full parity with Common Units for all purposes. Vested profits interest units that have achieved full parity with Common Units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a 1-for-1 basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the FMV of an equivalent number of shares of common stock of the Issuer, 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

- (**3**) 1-for-1
- (4) N/A

**(2)** 

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#### **Remarks:**

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