

EARLEY KATHLEEN
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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 *
EARLEY KATHLEEN

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)
560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/23/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code | V | | 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 Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Derivative Securities |
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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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Long-Term Incentive Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 04/23/2012 | | | A | | 1,372 | | <u>(1)(2)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 1,372 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EARLEY KATHLEEN 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster,
attorney-in-fact

04/25/2012

**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).
- (1) Long-term incentive units are partnership interests in Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership of which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is the general partner (the "Operating Partnership"). These units were fully vested on the grant date. Long-term incentive units receive the same quarterly distributions as common limited partnership units of the Operating Partnership ("Common Units"). Upon vesting, 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 incentive units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. (Continued in Footnote 2)
- (2) 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, in each case, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (3) N/A

Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of the Issuer is being filed to report a transaction th

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