Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 March 11, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Stein A William

(First) (Middle) (Last)

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, 02/16/2016 **SUITE 3200**

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Mo	(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 (1)	(2)	02/16/2016		A		6,219		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,219	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stein A William FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati, attorney-in-fact 03/11/2016

**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 profits interest units in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. ("Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner. Profits interest units may initially not have full parity with common limited partnership units of Operating Partnership ("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

- 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 splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (**2**) 1-for-1
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2017, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2018, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2019, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2020
- (4) N/A

Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities ("Form 4") of the Issuer is being filed to report transactions that Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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