Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 February 27, 2008

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Peterson Scott E

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/25/2008

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE

2900

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Senior VP, Acquisitions 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 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 Ownership (I)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Instr. 8)

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. l Underlying Securities De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of					(1
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2008		A		4,006		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,006	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2008		A		5,008		(5)(6)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	5,008	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Peterson Scott E 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

Senior VP, Acquisitions

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster, attorney-in-fact

02/27/2008

**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 of which the issuer is the general partner (the "Operating Partnership"). 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

- (1) 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.
- (3) Twenty percent (20%) of these units will vest on February 25, 2009, an additional 20% will vest on February 25, 2010, an additional 30% will vest on February 25, 2011 and the remaining 30% will vest on February 25, 2012.
- (4) N/A
- (5) These units are subject to both performance vesting and time vesting. The performance vesting is based on the Issuer's per share Funds From Operations ("FFO") results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, subject to certain adjustments (the "Performance Condition"). If the Issuer's 2008 FFO is less than a threshold amount, none of the shares will satisfy the Performance Condition. If the

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Issuer's 2008 FFO is equal to or greater than an upper limit, all of the shares will satisfy the Performance Condition (continued on Footnote 6).

If the Issuer's 2008 FFO is between the threshold and upper limit, a portion of the shares will satisfy the Performance Condition based on a formula contained the award agreement. Any shares that do not satisfy the Performance Condition will be forfeited. Of the shares that satisfy the Performance Condition, 20% will vest on the later of February 25, 2009 or within 30 days of the date the Compensation Committee determines if, and the extent to which, the Performance Condition is satisfied, 20% will vest on February 25, 2010, 30% will vest on February 25, 2011 and 30% will vest on February 25, 2012.

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