

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
of 1934

For the Transition Period From _____ To _____

Commission file number 001-34626

PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

58-2328421

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

11695 Johns Creek Parkway

Ste. 350

Johns Creek, Georgia 30097

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(770) 418-8800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-Accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's
only class of common stock, as of August 8, 2011:

172,826,725 shares

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-Q and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. ("Piedmont") may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. In addition, Piedmont, or its executive officers on Piedmont's behalf, may from time to time make forward-looking statements in reports and other documents Piedmont files with the Securities and Exchange Commission or in connection with oral statements made to the press, potential investors, or others. Statements regarding future events and developments and Piedmont's future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, plans, estimates, or projections relating to the future, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of these laws. Forward-looking statements include statements preceded by, followed by, or that include the words "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "believe," "continue," or other similar words. Examples of such statements report include descriptions of our real estate, financing, and operating objectives; discussions regarding future dividends; and discussions regarding the potential impact of economic conditions on our portfolio.

These statements are based on beliefs and assumptions of Piedmont's management, which in turn are based on currently available information. Important assumptions relating to the forward-looking statements include, among others, assumptions regarding the demand for office space in the sectors in which Piedmont operates, competitive conditions, and general economic conditions. These assumptions could prove inaccurate. The forward-looking statements also involve risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Many of these factors are beyond Piedmont's ability to control or predict. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The success of our real estate strategies and investment objectives, including our ability to identify and consummate suitable acquisitions;
- If current market and economic conditions do not improve, our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, real estate and other asset values, and access to capital may be adversely affected or otherwise impact performance, including the potential recognition of impairment charges;
- Lease terminations or lease defaults, particularly by one of our large lead tenants;
- The impact of competition on our efforts to renew existing leases or re-let space on terms similar to existing leases;
- Changes in the economies and other conditions of the office market in general and of the specific markets in which we operate, particularly in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and the New York metropolitan area;
- Economic and regulatory changes, including accounting standards, that impact the real estate market generally;
- Additional risks and costs associated with directly managing properties occupied by government tenants;
- Adverse market and economic conditions may continue to adversely affect us and could cause us to recognize impairment charges or otherwise impact our performance;
- Availability of financing and our lending banks' ability to honor existing line of credit commitments;
- Costs of complying with governmental laws and regulations;
- Uncertainties associated with environmental and other regulatory matters;
- Piedmont's ability to continue to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- Other factors, including the risk factors discussed under Item 1A. of Piedmont's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Management believes these forward-looking statements are reasonable; however, undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements, which are based on current expectations. Further, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and management undertakes no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

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PART I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information presented in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows reflects all adjustments that are, in management's opinion, necessary for a fair and consistent presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to Piedmont's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this report on Form 10-Q and with Piedmont's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. Piedmont's results of operations for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results expected for the full year.

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PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

| | (Unaudited) June 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Real estate assets, at cost: | | |
| Land | \$689,611 | \$643,302 |
| Buildings and improvements, less accumulated depreciation of \$789,718 and \$741,723 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 3,086,628 | 2,930,026 |
| Intangible lease assets, less accumulated amortization of \$136,180 and \$145,742 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 89,002 | 74,028 |
| Construction in progress | 15,298 | 11,152 |
| Real estate assets held for sale, net | 19,100 | 18,320 |
| Total real estate assets | 3,899,639 | 3,676,828 |
| Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures | 41,271 | 42,018 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 21,404 | 56,718 |
| Tenant receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$921 and \$1,298 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 138,451 | 133,930 |
| Notes receivable | — | 61,144 |
| Due from unconsolidated joint ventures | 537 | 1,158 |
| Restricted cash and escrows | 32,309 | 12,475 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 14,577 | 11,249 |
| Goodwill | 180,097 | 180,097 |
| Deferred financing costs, less accumulated amortization of \$10,856 and \$11,893 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 4,396 | 5,306 |
| Deferred lease costs, less accumulated amortization of \$137,378 and \$136,923 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 227,073 | 192,168 |
| Other assets held for sale | 452 | 389 |
| Total assets | \$4,560,206 | \$4,373,480 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Line of credit and notes payable | \$1,637,054 | \$1,402,525 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and accrued capital expenditures | 126,111 | 112,648 |
| Deferred income | 32,161 | 35,203 |
| Intangible lease liabilities, less accumulated amortization of \$88,444 and \$84,308 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 43,657 | 48,959 |
| Interest rate swap | — | 691 |
| Total liabilities | 1,838,983 | 1,600,026 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' Equity: | | |
| Shares-in-trust, 150,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding as of June 30, 2011 or December 31, 2010 | — | — |
| Preferred stock, no par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding as of June 30, 2011 or December 31, 2010 | — | — |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value, 750,000,000 shares authorized; 172,826,725 and 172,658,489 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively (Note 12) | 1,728 | 1,727 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 3,662,522 | 3,661,308 |

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|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| Cumulative distributions in excess of earnings | (948,956 |) (895,122 |) |
| Other comprehensive loss | (44 |) (691 |) |
| Piedmont stockholders' equity | 2,715,250 | 2,767,222 | |
| Noncontrolling interest | 5,973 | 6,232 | |
| Total stockholders' equity | 2,721,223 | 2,773,454 | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$4,560,206 | \$4,373,480 | |

See accompanying notes

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PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended June 30, | | (Unaudited) Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Rental income | \$ 112,834 | \$ 110,049 | \$ 222,291 | \$ 219,886 |
| Tenant reimbursements | 36,000 | 33,034 | 68,344 | 67,811 |
| Property management fee revenue | 363 | 705 | 1,193 | 1,458 |
| Other rental income | 1,347 | 479 | 4,751 | 975 |
| | 150,544 | 144,267 | 296,579 | 290,130 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Property operating costs | 58,740 | 55,288 | 113,387 | 110,414 |
| Depreciation | 27,723 | 25,369 | 54,639 | 50,849 |
| Amortization | 15,821 | 10,913 | 27,872 | 22,246 |
| General and administrative | 7,697 | 7,948 | 14,522 | 14,568 |
| | 109,981 | 99,518 | 210,420 | 198,077 |
| Real estate operating income | 40,563 | 44,749 | 86,159 | 92,053 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (19,313) | (18,933) | (36,487) | (38,024) |
| Interest and other (expense)/income | (253) | 1,036) | 3,206) | 2,005) |
| Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures | 338 | 647 | 547 | 1,384 |
| (Loss)/gain on consolidation of variable interest entity | (388) | — | 1,532 | — |
| | (19,616) | (17,250) | (31,202) | (34,635) |
| Income from continuing operations | 20,947 | 27,499 | 54,957 | 57,418 |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Operating income | 201 | 1,849 | 280 | 3,516 |
| Impairment loss | — | (9,587) | — | (9,587) |
| Income/(loss) from discontinued operations | 201 | (7,738) | 280 | (6,071) |
| Net income | 21,148 | 19,761 | 55,237 | 51,347 |
| Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | (121) | (125) | (243) | (251) |
| Net income attributable to Piedmont | \$21,027 | \$19,636 | \$54,994 | \$51,096 |
| Per share information – basic and diluted: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$0.12 | \$0.16 | \$0.32 | \$0.34 |
| Income/(loss) from discontinued operations | — | (0.05) | — | (0.04) |
| Income attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$0.12 | \$0.11 | \$0.32 | \$0.30 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic | 172,780,207 | 172,595,439 | 172,719,684 | 168,814,961 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding – diluted | 172,985,847 | 172,718,117 | 172,908,135 | 168,911,892 |

See accompanying notes.

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PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
AND FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Common Stock (1) Shares | Stock Amount | Additional Paid-In Capital | Cumulative Distributions in Excess of Earnings | Redeemable Common Stock | Other Comprehensive Loss | Non- controlling Interest | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | 158,917 | \$1,589 | \$3,477,168 | \$(798,561) | \$(75,164) | \$(3,866) | \$5,716 | \$2,606,882 |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock | 13,800 | 138 | 184,266 | — | — | — | — | 184,404 |
| Redemption of fractional shares of common stock | (200) | (2) | (2,900) | — | — | — | — | (2,902) |
| Change in redeemable common stock outstanding | — | — | — | — | 75,164 | — | — | 75,164 |
| Dividends to common stockholders (\$1.26 per share), distributions to noncontrolling interest, and dividends reinvested | — | — | (33) | (216,940) | — | — | (15) | (216,988) |
| Shares issued under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, net of tax | 141 | 2 | 2,807 | — | — | — | — | 2,809 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | — | — | — | 531 | 531 |
| Components of comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 120,379 | — | — | — | 120,379 |
| Net change in interest rate swap | — | — | — | — | — | 3,175 | — | 3,175 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 123,554 |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | 172,658 | 1,727 | 3,661,308 | (895,122) | — | (691) | 6,232 | 2,773,454 |
| Offering costs associated with issuance of common stock | — | — | (479) | — | — | — | — | (479) |
| Dividends to common stockholders (\$0.63 per share), distributions to noncontrolling interest, and dividends reinvested | — | — | (84) | (108,828) | — | — | (502) | (109,414) |
| Shares issued under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, net of tax | 169 | 1 | 1,777 | — | — | — | — | 1,778 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | — | — | — | 243 | 243 |
| Components of comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----|---------|---------|-------------|
| Net income | — | — | — | 54,994 | — | — | — | 54,994 |
| Net change in interest rate derivatives | — | — | — | — | — | 647 | — | 647 |
| Comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 55,641 |
| Balance, June 30, 2011 | 172,827 | \$1,728 | \$3,662,522 | \$(948,956) | \$— | \$(44) | \$5,973 | \$2,721,223 |

(1) See Note 12 for further detail regarding Piedmont's conversion of Common Stock.
See accompanying notes

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PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

| | (Unaudited) | |
|---|------------------|------------|
| | Six Months Ended | |
| | June 30, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$55,237 | \$51,347 |
| Operating distributions received from unconsolidated joint ventures | 1,753 | 2,284 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 54,769 | 51,794 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and fair market value adjustments on notes payable | 2,687 | 1,393 |
| Other amortization | 27,349 | 21,849 |
| Impairment loss | — | 9,587 |
| Accretion of notes receivable discount | (482 |) (1,360 |
| Stock compensation expense | 1,864 | 1,364 |
| Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures | (547 |) (1,384 |
| Gain on consolidation of variable interest entity | (1,532 |) — |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase)/decrease in tenant receivables, net | (3,667 |) 545 |
| Increase in restricted cash and escrows | (3,354 |) (4,820 |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets | (5,381 |) (5,879 |
| (Decrease)/increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses | (5,866 |) 9,570 |
| Decrease in deferred income | (7,603 |) (590 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 115,227 | 135,700 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Investments in real estate assets | (76,121 |) (18,708 |
| Cash assumed upon consolidation of variable interest entity | 5,063 | — |
| Net sales proceeds received from unconsolidated joint ventures | 321 | — |
| Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures | (158 |) (8 |
| Deferred lease costs paid | (20,149 |) (6,202 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (91,044 |) (24,918 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Deferred financing costs paid | (83 |) (654 |
| Proceeds from line of credit and notes payable | 349,000 | — |
| Repayments of line of credit and notes payable | (299,000 |) (114,000 |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock | — | 186,026 |
| Redemption of fractional shares of common stock | — | (2,918 |
| Dividends paid and discount on dividend reinvestments | (109,414 |) (108,174 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (59,497 |) (39,720 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (35,314 |) 71,062 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 56,718 | 10,004 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$21,404 | \$81,066 |
| Supplemental Disclosures of Significant Noncash Investing and Financing Activities: | | |
| Change in accrued offering costs | \$479 | \$1,608 |
| Accrued capital expenditures and deferred lease costs | \$2,111 | \$720 |
| | \$188,283 | \$— |

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|--|------------|----------|
| Net assets assumed upon consolidation of variable interest entity, net of notes receivable previously recorded | | |
| Liabilities assumed upon consolidation of variable interest entity | \$ 191,814 | \$— |
| Redeemable common stock | \$— | \$75,164 |
| See accompanying notes | | |

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PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2011
(unaudited)

1. Organization

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (“Piedmont”) is a Maryland corporation that operates in a manner so as to qualify as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) for federal income tax purposes and engages in the acquisition and ownership of commercial real estate properties throughout the United States, including properties that are under construction, are newly constructed, or have operating histories. Piedmont was incorporated in 1997 and commenced operations on June 5, 1998. Piedmont conducts business primarily through Piedmont Operating Partnership, L.P. (“Piedmont OP”), a Delaware limited partnership, as well as performing the management of its buildings through two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Piedmont Government Services, LLC and Piedmont Office Management, LLC. Piedmont is the sole general partner of Piedmont OP and possesses full legal control and authority over the operations of Piedmont OP. Piedmont OP owns properties directly, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, and through both consolidated and unconsolidated joint ventures. References to Piedmont herein shall include Piedmont and all of its subsidiaries, including Piedmont OP and its subsidiaries and joint ventures.

As of June 30, 2011, Piedmont owned interests in 79 office properties, plus six buildings owned through unconsolidated joint ventures and two industrial buildings. Our 79 office properties are located in 19 metropolitan areas across the United States. These office properties comprise approximately 21.8 million square feet of primarily Class A commercial office space, and were approximately 86.5% leased as of June 30, 2011.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of Piedmont have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the statements for the unaudited interim periods presented include all adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods. Results for these interim periods are not necessarily indicative of a full year’s results and certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period financial statement presentation, specifically relating to (i) the required presentation of income from discontinued operations for the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building (sold in December 2010) and Eastpointe Corporate Center (under contract as of June 30, 2011 and sold in July 2011), (ii) the disclosure of Restricted cash and escrows, which was formerly a component of Prepaid expenses and other assets, and (iii) the reclassification of Class A and Class B common shares as Common Stock (see Note 12 for further detail). Piedmont’s consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Piedmont, Piedmont’s wholly-owned subsidiaries, any variable interest entity of which Piedmont or any of its wholly-owned subsidiaries is considered the primary beneficiary, or any entity in which Piedmont or any of its wholly-owned subsidiaries owns a controlling interest. For further information, refer to the financial statements and footnotes included in Piedmont’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Further, Piedmont has formed special purpose entities to acquire and hold real estate. Each special purpose entity is a separate legal entity and consequently the assets of the special purpose entities are not available to our creditors. The assets owned by these special purpose entities are being reported on a consolidated basis with Piedmont’s assets for financial reporting purposes only.

Income Taxes

Piedmont has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and has operated as such, beginning with its taxable year ended December 31, 1998. To qualify as a REIT, Piedmont must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of its

annual REIT taxable income. As a REIT, Piedmont is generally not subject to federal income taxes. Piedmont is subject to certain taxes related to the operations of properties in certain locations, as well as operations conducted by its taxable REIT subsidiary, which have been provided for in the financial statements.

Interest Rate Cap Agreements

Piedmont periodically enters into interest rate cap agreements to limit its exposure to changing interest rates on its variable rate debt instruments. As required by GAAP, Piedmont records all interest rate caps on the balance sheet at estimated fair value as a

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component of Prepaid expenses and other assets. Piedmont reassesses the effectiveness of its interest rate caps designated as cash flow hedges on a regular basis to determine if they continue to be highly effective and also to determine if the forecasted transactions remain highly probable. The changes in fair value of interest rate caps designated as cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income ("OCI"), and the option purchase premium is amortized (reclassified from OCI to interest expense) over the life of the hedging relationship as the hedged forecasted transactions affect earnings. The reclassification is based on a schedule created at the inception of the hedge, which allocates the purchase price to the future periods the hedge is expected to benefit, based on fair value as of the inception of the hedging relationship. Currently, Piedmont does not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes and does not have any derivatives that are not designated as cash flow hedges.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an update related to Accounting Standards Codification Topic Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820") which converges GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") definition of "fair value", the requirements for measuring amounts at fair value, and disclosures about these measurements. The update does not require additional fair value measurements and is not intended to establish valuation standards or affect valuation practices outside of financial reporting. The adoption of this update to ASC 820 is effective for Piedmont beginning with its first quarter 2012 interim financial statements and is not expected to have a material impact on Piedmont's consolidated financial statements or disclosures.

In June 2011, the FASB issued a new requirement related to the presentation of Comprehensive Income ("ASC 220") intended to converge how other comprehensive income ("OCI") is presented under GAAP and IFRS. ASC 220 gives an entity the option to present OCI information in either a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements, but eliminates the presentation of OCI in the statement of stockholders' equity. The adoption of ASC 220 is effective for Piedmont beginning with its first quarter 2012 interim financial statements and, as the requirement pertains to disclosure only, is not expected to have a material impact on Piedmont's consolidated financial statements.

3.Acquisitions

During the six months ended June 30, 2011, Piedmont purchased the 1200 Enclave Parkway Building in Houston, Texas, the Dupree Building in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Medici Building, also in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, Piedmont also acquired the 500 W. Monroe Building located in downtown Chicago, Illinois through a foreclosure sale related to certain notes receivable previously held by Piedmont (see Note 4 for a more complete description of this transaction). No additional purchase consideration was required to acquire the 500 W. Monroe Building interests. Piedmont funded the acquisition of the 1200 Enclave Parkway Building, the Dupree Building, and the Medici Building principally with proceeds from its \$500 Million Unsecured Facility and cash on hand.

| Property | Metropolitan Statistical Area | Acquisition Date | Number of Buildings | Rentable Square Feet | Percentage Occupied as of Acquisition Date | Acquisition Price (in millions) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1200 Enclave Parkway Building | Houston, TX | March 30, 2011 | 1 | 149,654 | 18 | % \$18.5 |
| The Dupree Building | Atlanta, GA | April 29, 2011 | 1 | 137,818 | 83 | % \$20.5 |
| The Medici Building | Atlanta, GA | June 7, 2011 | 1 | 152,221 | 22 | % \$13.2 |
| | Chicago, IL | March 31, 2011 | 1 | 962,361 | 67 | % \$227.5 (1) |

500 W. Monroe
Building

- (1) Represents the estimated fair value of real estate assets acquired as recorded in Piedmont's accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of the acquisition date.

4. Notes Receivable

Notes receivable as of December 31, 2010 consisted solely of Piedmont's two investments in mezzanine debt, both of which were secured by pledges of equity interests in the ownership of the 500 W. Monroe Building.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, one of the two notes matured but was not repaid and was therefore declared to be in maturity default. Piedmont initiated foreclosure proceedings and on March 31, 2011, Piedmont was the successful bidder at a UCC

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foreclosure sale allowing Piedmont to obtain control of the property, resulting in the extinguishment of other third-party loans that were subordinate to the secured position upon which Piedmont foreclosed.

As a result of obtaining control of the property, Piedmont is now considered the primary beneficiary of the variable interest entity (“VIE”) containing the 500 W. Monroe Building, subject to a \$140.0 million first mortgage loan secured by the building, and a \$45.0 million mezzanine loan collateralized by an equity ownership interest in the borrower under the mezzanine loan. (See Note 5 for information regarding the \$140.0 million first mortgage loan and \$45.0 million mezzanine loan.) As such, Piedmont recorded the fair value of all of the assets and liabilities associated with the 500 W. Monroe Building, the remaining outstanding debt payable to third party lenders, and the interest rate cap agreements associated with the assumed debt in its consolidated financial statements in March 2011. The consolidation of the VIE resulted in an approximate \$1.5 million non-cash gain which is reflected in Piedmont’s results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2011. Additionally, Piedmont recognized approximately \$2.6 million in other income during the six months ended June 30, 2011 related to cash representing the building’s operating cash flow during the period between the original default date in August 2010, and the consummation of the foreclosure process on March 31, 2011. Such income had been deferred due to the ownership uncertainties associated with the legal actions.

5.Line of Credit and Notes Payable

During the three months ended June 30, 2011, Piedmont repaid the \$250 Million Unsecured Term Loan using proceeds from its \$500 Million Unsecured Facility. In addition, effective May 18, 2011, Piedmont exercised its extension option on the maturity date of the \$500 Million Unsecured Facility for one year to August 30, 2012 pending payment of a 15 basis point extension fee. Finally, effective August 9, 2011, Piedmont exercised its extension options to extend the maturity dates of the 500 W. Monroe Mortgage Loan and the 500 W. Monroe Mezzanine 1-A Loan Participation to August 9, 2012.

Piedmont made interest payments on all debt facilities, including interest rate swap cash settlements related to Piedmont’s \$250 Million Unsecured Term Loan, totaling approximately \$17.4 million and \$18.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$33.3 million and \$36.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

See Note 8 below for a description of Piedmont’s estimated fair value of debt as of June 30, 2011.

The following table summarizes the terms of Piedmont’s indebtedness outstanding as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

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| Facility | Property | Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Maturity | Amount Outstanding as of | |
|---|--|---------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | June 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
| Secured | | | | | |
| \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan | 4250 N. Fairfax | 5.20 | % 6/1/2012 | \$45,000 | \$45,000 |
| 35 West Wacker Building Mortgage Note | 35 West Wacker Drive | 5.10 | % 1/1/2014 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Aon Center Chicago Mortgage Note | Aon Center | 4.87 | % 5/1/2014 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Aon Center Chicago Mortgage Note | Aon Center | 5.70 | % 5/1/2014 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Secured Pooled Facility | Nine Property Collateralized Pool ⁽²⁾ | 4.84 | % 6/7/2014 | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan | US Bancorp Center | 5.29 | % 5/11/2015 | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| \$125.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan | Four Property Collateralized Pool ⁽³⁾ | 5.50 | % 4/1/2016 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| \$42.5 Million Fixed-Rate Loan | Las Colinas Corporate Center I & II | 5.70 | % 10/11/2016 | 42,525 | 42,525 |
| WDC Mortgage Notes | 1201 & 1225 Eye Street | 5.76 | % 11/1/2017 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| 500 W. Monroe Mortgage Loan | 500 W. Monroe | LIBOR + 1.008% | ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ 8/9/2012 | 139,868 | — |
| 500 W. Monroe Mezzanine I Loan- A Participation | 500 W. Monroe | LIBOR + 1.45% | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ 8/9/2012 | 44,661 | — |
| Subtotal/Weighted Average ⁽⁷⁾ | | 4.95 | % | 1,337,054 | 1,152,525 |
| Unsecured | | | | | |
| \$250 Million Unsecured Term Loan | \$250 Million Term Loan | LIBOR + 1.50% | 6/28/2011 | — | 250,000 |
| \$500 Million Unsecured Facility | \$500 Million Revolving Facility | 0.67 | % ⁽⁸⁾ 8/30/2012 | 300,000 | — |
| Subtotal/Weighted Average ⁽⁷⁾ | | 0.67 | % | 300,000 | 250,000 |
| Total/ Weighted Average ⁽⁷⁾ | | 4.17 | % | \$1,637,054 | \$1,402,525 |

⁽¹⁾ All of Piedmont's outstanding debt as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 is interest-only debt.

Nine property collateralized pool includes: 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Braker Pointe III, 2 Gatehall Drive, One and Two Independence Square, 2120 West End Avenue, 400 Bridgewater Crossing, 200 Bridgewater Crossing, and Fairway Center II.

⁽³⁾ Four property collateralized pool includes 1430 Enclave Parkway, Windy Point I and II, and 1055 East Colorado Boulevard.

(4) Including the amortization of a \$0.4 million discount associated with recording the debt at estimated fair market value upon the consolidation of the 500 W. Monroe Building, the interest rate is effectively LIBOR + 2%. This discount is being amortized to interest expense over the contractual term of the debt (as of the date the debt was assumed) ending on August 9, 2011.

(5) Including the amortization of a \$1.0 million discount associated with recording the debt at estimated fair market value upon the consolidation of the 500 W. Monroe Building, the interest rate is effectively LIBOR + 8%. This discount is being amortized to interest expense over the contractual term of the debt (as of the date the debt was assumed) ending on August 9, 2011.

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- (6) Subject to interest rate cap agreements, which limit Piedmont's exposure to potential increases in the LIBOR rate to 1%.
- (7) Weighted average is based on contractual balance outstanding and effective interest rate at June 30, 2011. Piedmont may select from multiple interest rate options with each draw, including the prime rate and
- (8) various-length LIBOR locks. All LIBOR selections are subject to an additional spread (0.475% as of June 30, 2011) over the selected rate based on Piedmont's current credit rating. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2011 consisted of several LIBOR draws at 0.19% (subject to the additional spread mentioned above).

6. Derivative Instruments

Risk Management Objective of Using Derivatives

In addition to operational risks which arise in the normal course of business, Piedmont is exposed to economic risks such as interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk. In certain situations, Piedmont has entered into derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements and interest rate cap agreements to manage interest rate risk exposure arising from variable rate debt transactions that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which is determined by interest rates. Piedmont's objective in using interest rate derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements.

Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for Piedmont making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount. Interest rate caps are also cash flow hedges involving payment to a counterparty in exchange for establishing a maximum rate which will not be exceeded, despite market conditions to the contrary. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, Piedmont used interest rate swap agreements to hedge the variable cash flows associated with its \$250 Million Unsecured Term Loan that matured on June 28, 2011. Additionally, two interest rate cap agreements were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with the 500 W. Monroe Loans. A detail of Piedmont's interest rate derivatives outstanding as of June 30, 2011 is as follows:

| Interest Rate Derivative | Notional Amount (in millions) | Effective Date | Maturity Date | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----|
| Interest rate cap | \$140 | 8/9/2010 | 8/15/2011 | (1) |
| Interest rate cap | 62 | 8/9/2010 | 8/15/2011 | (1) |
| Total | \$202 | | | |

(1) Mirrors the monthly interest accrual period of the 500 W. Monroe Loans.

All of Piedmont's interest rate derivative agreements are designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated as, and that qualify as, cash flow hedges is recorded in OCI and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings.

The effective portion of Piedmont's derivative financial instruments (interest rate caps and swaps) that was recorded in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, is as follows (in thousands):

| Derivative in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships (Interest Rate Swaps and Caps) | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, 2011 | June 30, 2010 | June 30, 2011 | June 30, 2010 |
| Amount of loss recognized in OCI on derivative | \$23 | \$375 | \$204 | \$846 |
| Amount of previously recorded loss reclassified from accumulated OCI into interest expense | \$(444) | \$(1,949) | \$(851) | \$(3,970) |

No gain or loss was recognized related to hedge ineffectiveness or to amounts excluded from effectiveness testing on Piedmont's cash flow hedges during the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 or 2010, respectively.

Piedmont estimates that approximately \$44,000 related to its interest rate cap agreements will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to interest expense over the next twelve months.

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The fair value of Piedmont's interest rate swap agreements designated as hedging instruments under GAAP as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 was \$0 and \$0.7 million, respectively, and is presented as "Interest Rate Swap" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The fair value of Piedmont's interest rate cap agreements designated as hedging instruments under GAAP as of June 30, 2011 was effectively \$0.

Please see the accompanying statements of stockholders' equity for a rollforward of Piedmont's Other Comprehensive Loss account.

Credit-risk-related Contingent Features

Piedmont had agreements with its interest rate swap agreement counterparties that contained a provision whereby if Piedmont had defaulted on any of its indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness had not been accelerated by the lender, then Piedmont could have also been declared in default on its derivative obligation. However, as the \$250 Million Unsecured Term Loan was repaid in full at maturity, Piedmont has no credit-risk-related contingency related to the interest rate swap agreements as of June 30, 2011.

7. Variable Interest Entities

Variable interest holders who have the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and have the obligation to absorb the majority of losses of the entity or the right to receive significant benefits of the entity are considered to be the primary beneficiary and must consolidate the VIE. A summary of Piedmont's interests in and consolidation treatment of its VIEs as of June 30, 2011 is as follows (net carrying amount in millions):

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| Entity | Piedmont's % Ownership of Entity | Related Building | Consolidated/ Unconsolidated | Net Carrying Amount as of June 30, 2011 | Net Carrying Amount as of December 31, 2010 | Primary Beneficiary Considerations |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1201 Eye Street NW Associates, LLC | 49.5 | % 1201 Eye Street | Consolidated | \$0.2 | \$0.3 | In accordance with the partnership's governing documents, Piedmont is entitled to 100% of the cash flow of the entity and has sole discretion in directing the management and leasing activities of the building. |
| 1225 Eye Street NW Associates, LLC | 49.5 | % 1225 Eye Street | Consolidated | \$1.1 | \$1.9 | In accordance with the partnership's governing documents, Piedmont is entitled to 100% of the cash flow of the entity and has sole discretion in directing the management and leasing activities of the building. |
| Piedmont 500 W. Monroe Fee, LLC | 100 | % 500 W. Monroe | Consolidated | \$54.9 | N/A | The Omnibus Agreement with the previous owner includes equity participation rights for the previous owner, if certain financial returns are achieved; however, Piedmont has sole decision making authority and is entitled to the economic benefits of the property until such returns are met. |
| Suwanee Gateway One, LLC | 100 | % Suwanee Gateway One | Consolidated | \$7.7 | \$7.8 | The fee agreement includes equity participation rights for the incentive manager, if certain returns on investment are achieved; however, Piedmont has sole decision making authority and is entitled to the economic benefits of the property until such returns are met. |
| Medici Atlanta, LLC | 100 | % The Medici Building | Consolidated | \$13.0 | N/A | The fee agreement includes equity participation rights for the incentive manager, if certain returns on |

investment are achieved; however, Piedmont has sole decision making authority and is entitled to the economic benefits of the property until such returns are met.

Each of the VIEs described above has the sole purpose of holding office buildings and their resulting operations, and are classified in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets in the same manner as Piedmont's other wholly-owned properties.

8. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Instruments

Piedmont considers its cash, accounts receivable, notes receivable, accounts payable, interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements, and line of credit and notes payable to meet the definition of financial instruments. The following table sets forth the carrying and estimated fair value for each of Piedmont's financial instruments as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

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| Financial Instrument | As of June 30, 2011 | | As of December 31, 2010 | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value |
| Cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾ | \$21,404 | \$ 21,404 | \$56,718 | \$ 56,718 |
| Tenant receivables, net ⁽¹⁾ | \$138,606 | \$ 138,606 | \$134,006 | \$ 134,006 |
| Accounts payable ⁽¹⁾ | \$12,039 | \$ 12,039 | \$15,763 | \$ 15,763 |
| Interest rate swap agreements | \$— | \$ — | \$691 | \$ 691 |
| Interest rate cap agreements | \$— | \$ — | N/A | N/A |
| Line of credit and notes payable | \$1,637,054 | \$ 1,695,816 | \$1,402,525 | \$ 1,428,255 |

⁽¹⁾ For the periods presented, the carrying value approximates estimated fair value.

Piedmont's interest rate cap agreements discussed in Note 6 above were adjusted and carried at fair value as of June 30, 2011, and Piedmont's interest rate swap agreement also discussed in Note 6 above was adjusted and carried at fair value as of December 31, 2010. The interest rate swap and interest rate cap agreements were classified as "Interest rate swap" liability and as a component of "Prepaid expenses and other assets", respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The valuation of these derivative instruments, for both types of agreements, was determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis based on the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity of each instrument, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. Therefore, the fair values determined are considered to be based on significant other observable inputs (Level 2). In addition, as related to the interest rate swap agreements, Piedmont considered both its own and the respective counterparties' risk of nonperformance in determining the fair value of its derivative financial instruments by estimating the current and potential future exposure under the derivative financial instruments that both Piedmont and the counterparties were at risk for as of the valuation date. This total expected exposure was then discounted using factors that contemplate the creditworthiness of Piedmont and the counterparties to arrive at a credit charge. This credit charge was then netted against the value of the derivative financial instruments determined using the discounted cash flow analysis described above to arrive at a total estimated fair value of the interest rate swap agreements. As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the credit valuation adjustment did not comprise a material portion of the fair values of the derivative financial instruments; therefore, Piedmont believes that any unobservable inputs used to determine the fair values of its derivative financial instruments are not significant to the fair value measurements in their entirety, and does not consider either of its derivative financial instruments to be Level 3 liabilities.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments Under Existing Agreements

Certain lease agreements include provisions that, at the option of the tenant, may obligate Piedmont to provide funding for capital improvements. Under its existing lease agreements, Piedmont may be required to fund significant tenant improvements, leasing commissions, and building improvements. In addition, certain agreements contain provisions that require Piedmont to issue corporate or property guarantees to provide funding for capital improvements or other financial obligations. At June 30, 2011, Piedmont anticipates funding approximately \$128.9 million in potential obligations for tenant improvements related to its existing lease portfolio over the respective lease terms, the majority of which Piedmont estimates may be required to be funded over the next five years. For most of Piedmont's leases, the timing of the actual funding of these tenant improvements is largely dependent upon tenant requests for reimbursement. In some cases, these obligations may expire with the leases without further recourse to Piedmont.

Contingencies Related to Tenant Audits/Disputes

Certain lease agreements include provisions that grant tenants the right to engage independent auditors to audit their annual operating expense reconciliations. Such audits may result in the re-interpretation of language in the lease agreements which could result in the refund of previously recognized tenant reimbursement revenues, resulting in financial loss to Piedmont. Piedmont recorded additional reserves related to such tenant audits/disputes of approximately \$0.1 million and \$0 during the three months ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively, and

recorded reserves of approximately \$0.1 million and recoveries of approximately \$0.1 million during the six months ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively, as adjustments to tenant reimbursement income.

Letters of Credit

As of June 30, 2011, Piedmont was subject to the following letters of credit, which reduce the total outstanding capacity under its \$500 Million Unsecured Facility:

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|--------------|---|
| Amount | Expiration of Letter of Credit ⁽¹⁾ |
| \$382,556 | February 2012 |
| \$14,782,820 | February 2012 |
| \$3,000,000 | December 2011 |

(1) These letter of credit agreements automatically renew for consecutive, one-year periods each anniversary, subject to certain limitations.

Assertion of Legal Action

Piedmont is currently party to two separate lawsuits, where one of the lead plaintiffs in each lawsuit is the same stockholder. The first suit was filed in March 2007, and, in general, alleges inadequate disclosures pursuant to the federal securities laws against Piedmont's officers, directors, and advisors in connection with the transaction to internalize its management function and become a self-managed entity. The suit originally contained thirteen counts; however, twelve of those have subsequently been dismissed. As of the time of this filing, the parties are preparing for trial, but no trial date has been set. Piedmont believes that the allegations contained in the complaint are without merit, and as such, has determined that the risk of material loss associated with this lawsuit is remote. Further, Piedmont will continue to vigorously defend this action. Due to the uncertainties inherent in any litigation process, Piedmont's assessment of the ultimate potential financial impact of the case notwithstanding, the risk of financial loss does exist. The second lawsuit was filed in October 2007 and originally alleged four counts, including inadequate disclosures pursuant to the federal securities laws. To date, the court has dismissed two of the four counts in their entirety and has dismissed portions of the remaining two counts. On April 11, 2011, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals invalidated the district court's order certifying a class and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. Piedmont believes that the allegations contained in the complaint are without merit, and as such, has determined that the risk of material loss associated with this lawsuit is remote. Further, Piedmont will continue to vigorously defend this action. Due to the uncertainties inherent in any litigation process, Piedmont's assessment of the ultimate potential financial impact of the case notwithstanding, the risk of financial loss does exist.

Please refer to Part II. Item 1 "Legal Proceedings" for a complete description of the chronology of the two lawsuits.

10. Discontinued Operations

On April 21, 2011, Piedmont entered into an agreement to sell its office property known as Eastpointe Corporate Center in Issaquah, Washington, with an expected closing of July 1, 2011, and in accordance with GAAP, Piedmont reclassified the building from real estate assets held-for-use to real estate assets held-for-sale on its consolidated balance sheet as of April 21, 2011. As such, Piedmont reclassified the operational results of the property as income from discontinued operations for prior periods to conform with current period presentation. On July 1, 2011, Piedmont closed the sale of the Eastpointe Corporate Center Building.

Additionally in the prior year, Piedmont reclassified the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building, located in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, from real estate assets held-for-use (at cost) to real estate assets held-for-sale (at estimated fair value) on its consolidated balance sheet as of May 5, 2010. Piedmont recorded an impairment loss of approximately \$9.6 million as a result of adjusting the assets to fair value (less estimated costs to sell) at that time. The fair value measurement used in the evaluation of this non-financial asset was considered to be a Level 1 valuation within the fair value hierarchy as defined by GAAP, as there are direct observations and transactions involving the asset (i.e. the asset was being sold to a third-party purchaser). On December 8, 2010, Piedmont disposed of the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building. Piedmont reclassified the operational results of the property as income from discontinued operations for prior periods to conform with current period presentation.

The details comprising assets held for sale, primarily consisting of the Eastpointe Corporate Center Building, are presented below (in thousands):

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| | June 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Real estate assets held for sale, net: | | |
| Land | \$4,351 | \$4,351 |
| Building improvements, less accumulated depreciation of \$3,163 and \$3,033 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 14,749 | 13,969 |
| Total real estate assets held for sale, net | \$19,100 | \$18,320 |
| Other assets held for sale: | | |
| Tenant receivables | \$155 | \$76 |
| Deferred lease costs, less accumulated amortization of \$247 and \$803 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 297 | 313 |
| Total other assets held for sale | \$452 | \$389 |

The details comprising income/(loss) from discontinued operations, including results from the Eastpointe Corporate Center Building and the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building, are presented below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Rental income | \$372 | \$2,167 | \$745 | \$4,437 |
| Tenant reimbursements | 157 | 341 | 303 | 645 |
| | 529 | 2,508 | 1,048 | 5,082 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Property operating costs | 279 | 218 | 588 | 461 |
| Depreciation | 24 | 344 | 130 | 945 |
| Amortization of deferred leasing costs | 24 | 91 | 49 | 144 |
| Impairment loss | — | 9,587 | — | 9,587 |
| General and administrative expenses | — | 6 | — | 16 |
| Other expense | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| | 328 | 10,246 | 768 | 11,153 |
| Income/(loss) from discontinued operations | \$201 | \$(7,738) | \$280 | \$(6,071) |

11. Stock Based Compensation

A detail of Piedmont's unvested employee deferred stock awards as of June 30, 2011 is as follows:

| Date of grant | Net Shares Granted ⁽¹⁾ | Grant Date Fair Value | Vesting Schedule | Unvested Shares as of June 30, 2011 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| May 6, 2009 | 135,599 | \$22.20 | Of the shares granted, 25% vested on the date of grant, and 25% vested or will vest on May 6, 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively. | 44,689 |
| May 24, 2010 | 180,423 | \$18.71 | Of the shares granted, 25% vested on the date of grant, and 25% vested or will vest on May 24, 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively. | 108,192 |
| May 24, 2010 | 46,440 | \$18.71 | Of the shares granted, 33.33% vested or will vest on May 24, 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively. | 35,631 |
| April 5, 2011 | 142,468 | \$19.40 | Of the shares granted, 25% vested on the date of grant, and 25% will vest on April 5, 2012, 2013, and | 116,520 |

2014, respectively.

Total

305,032

⁽¹⁾ Net of shares surrendered upon vesting to satisfy required minimum tax withholding obligations.

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During the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, Piedmont recognized approximately \$2.6 million and \$2.1 million of compensation expense and directors' fees related to stock awards, of which \$1.5 million and \$0.7 million relates to the amortization of nonvested shares, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, Piedmont recognized approximately \$3.6 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, of compensation expense and directors' fees for the same stock awards of which \$2.5 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, related to the amortization of nonvested shares. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, 168,237 shares were issued to employees, directors and officers. As of June 30, 2011, approximately \$6.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested, share-based compensation remained, which Piedmont will record in its consolidated statements of income over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately two years.

12. Stockholders' Equity

Effective June 30, 2011, the board of directors of Piedmont approved Articles Supplementary and Articles of Amendment to Piedmont's Third Articles of Amendment and Restatement. Together, the Articles Supplementary and Articles of Amendment (1) reclassified and designated all of Piedmont's authorized but unissued shares of Class B Common Stock as Class A Common Stock and then (2) changed the designation of Piedmont's Class A Common Stock to Common Stock. The Articles Supplementary and Articles of Amendment were each filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland on June 30, 2011 and were effective upon such filing. As such, Piedmont has effected the reclassification of the authorized and outstanding Class A and B shares to Common Stock for all periods presented.

13. Earnings Per Share

There are no adjustments to "Net income attributable to Piedmont" or "Income from continuing operations" for the diluted earnings per share computations.

Net income per share-basic is calculated as net income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Net income per share-diluted is calculated as net income available to common stockholders divided by the diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, including nonvested restricted stock. Diluted weighted average number of common shares is calculated to reflect the potential dilution under the treasury stock method that would occur as if the remaining unvested restricted stock awards had vested and resulted in additional common shares outstanding.

The following table reconciles the denominator for the basic and diluted earnings per share computations shown on the consolidated statements of operations:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Weighted-average common shares – basic | 172,780 | 172,595 | 172,720 | 168,815 |
| Plus incremental weighted-average shares from time-vested conversions: | | | | |
| Restricted stock awards | 206 | 123 | 188 | 97 |
| Weighted-average common shares – diluted | 172,986 | 172,718 | 172,908 | 168,912 |

14. Subsequent Events

Disposition

On August 1, 2011, Piedmont entered into an agreement to sell its 96.5% ownership interest in 35 West Wacker Drive, an office building located in Chicago, Illinois, at a sales price that values the building at approximately \$401 million. The sale is contingent upon satisfactory completion of due diligence and lender approvals and is anticipated to close before year end.

Third Quarter Dividend Declaration

On August 9, 2011, the board of directors of Piedmont declared dividends for the third quarter of 2011 in the amount of \$0.3150 per common share outstanding to stockholders of record as of the close of business on September 1, 2011. Such dividends are to be paid on September 22, 2011.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. ("Piedmont"). See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" preceding Part I, as well as the notes to our consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We intend to use cash flows generated from the operation of our wholly-owned properties, distributions from our unconsolidated joint ventures, proceeds from property dispositions anticipated to close during the third quarter, and proceeds from our existing \$500 Million Unsecured Facility as our primary sources of immediate and long-term liquidity. In addition, potential additional selective dispositions of existing properties and other financing opportunities (such as issuance of additional equity or debt securities or additional borrowings from third-party lenders) afforded to us based on our relatively low leverage and quality asset base may also provide additional sources of capital; however, the availability and attractiveness of terms for these sources of capital is highly dependent on market conditions. As of the time of this filing, we had \$280.0 million outstanding under our \$500 Million Unsecured Facility, primarily as a result of paying off the \$250 Million Term Loan during June 2011. As a result, we had approximately \$192.8 million under this facility available as of the date of this filing for future borrowing (approximately \$27.2 million of capacity is reserved as security for outstanding letters of credit required by various third parties). We anticipate the receipt of significant net sales proceeds during 2011 related to properties currently under contract to be sold.

We estimate that our most immediate uses of capital will be (i) to fund the purchase of identified properties during the third quarter of 2011 and (ii) to fund capital expenditures for our existing portfolio of properties. These expenditures include two types of specifically identified building improvement projects: (i) general repair and maintenance projects that we as the owner may choose to perform at any of our various properties and (ii) tenant improvement allowances and leasing commissions negotiated as part of executed leases with our tenants. The timing and magnitude of general repair and maintenance projects are subject to our discretion. We anticipate funding approximately \$128.9 million in unrecorded contractual obligations for tenant improvements related to our existing lease portfolio over the respective lease term, the majority of which we estimate may be required to be funded over the next five years. For many of our leases, the timing of the actual funding of these tenant improvements is largely dependent upon tenant requests for reimbursement. In some cases, these obligations may expire with the leases without further recourse to us. Finally, projected amounts for tenant improvements and leasing commissions related to anticipated re-leasing efforts are expected to remain high over the next three years as several of our large tenants approach their lease expiration dates in 2012 and 2013. The timing and magnitude of these amounts are subject to change as competitive market conditions at the time of lease negotiations dictate.

In addition to the identified properties that we expect to purchase during the third quarter of 2011, we also anticipate that, subject to the identification and availability of attractive properties and our ability to consummate additional acquisitions on satisfactory terms, acquiring new assets compatible with our investment strategy could also be a significant use of capital. We also expect to use funds to make scheduled debt service payments and/or debt repayments when such obligations become due. Subsequent to quarter end, we exercised our extension option to extend the maturity date of the \$500 Million Unsecured Facility by one year to August 30, 2012 pending payment of a 15 basis point extension fee and exercised our extension options to extend the maturity dates of the 500 W. Monroe Mortgage Loan and the 500 W. Monroe Mezzanine 1-A Loan Participation to August 9, 2012. As such, we have no pending debt maturities until June 2012; however, we may seek new alternative financing from either a third-party lender or the public debt markets in the coming year depending on the timing and volume of our property acquisition and disposition activities.

Our cash flows from operations depend significantly on market rents and the ability of our tenants to make rental payments. While we believe the diversity and high credit quality of our tenants help mitigate the risk of a significant

interruption of our cash flows from operations, the challenging economic conditions that we have seen over the last three years, the downward pressure on rental rates in many of our markets, the potential for an increase in interest rates, or the possibility for a further downturn in one or more of our larger markets, could adversely impact our operating cash flows. Our primary focus is to achieve an attractive long-term, risk-adjusted return for our stockholders. Competition to attract and retain high-credit-quality tenants remains intense due to general economic conditions. At the same time, as mentioned above, several large leases at our properties have been renewed in the past year or are scheduled to expire over the next three years, and significant capital may be required to retain these tenants and maintain our current occupancy levels, including payment of leasing commissions, tenant concessions, and anticipated leasing expenditures. As such, we will continue to closely monitor our tenant renewals, rental rates, competitive market conditions, and our cash flows. The amount and form of payment (cash or stock issuance) of future dividends to be paid to our stockholders will continue to be largely dependent upon (i) the amount of cash generated from our operating activities or the selective sale of certain properties,

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(ii) our expectations of future cash flows, (iii) our determination of near-term cash needs for debt repayments and selective acquisitions of new properties, (iv) the timing of significant expenditures for tenant improvements and general property capital improvements, (v) long-term payout ratios for comparable companies, (vi) our ability to continue to access additional sources of capital, including potential sales of our properties and (vii) the amount required to be distributed to maintain our status as a REIT. Given the fluctuating nature of cash flows and expenditures, we may periodically borrow funds on a short-term basis to cover timing differences in cash collections and cash receipts. Although we covered the dividend out of operating cash flows in 2010, we project declines in cash flow in 2011 due primarily to increasing capital commitments for new leases, and due to rental rates which have decreased on some of our lease renewals over the past year. As a result, we do not anticipate that we will fully cover our current quarterly dividend rate out of cash flows in 2011 or 2012. Our current cash flow generation is being closely monitored, and we anticipate adjusting the dividend closer to industry payout ratios beginning in 2012.

Results of Operations

Overview

Our income from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2011 decreased as compared to the prior period, primarily due to higher depreciation and amortization expense due mainly to new properties acquired after June 30, 2010, and to a lesser extent higher operating costs for these newly acquired properties. These increases in expense were partially offset by increases in rental revenue and tenant reimbursements related to the new acquisitions, income related to lease terminations and/or restructurings, lower interest expense, and a non-recurring, non-cash gain on consolidation of a variable interest entity ("VIE") of approximately \$1.5 million recognized during the current period.

Comparison of the three months ended June 30, 2011 versus the three months ended June 30, 2010

The following table sets forth selected data from our consolidated statements of income for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, as well as each balance as a percentage of total revenues for the same periods presented (dollars in millions):

| | June 30, 2011 | % | June 30, 2010 | % | \$ Increase (Decrease) |
|---|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Rental income | \$ 112.8 | | \$ 110.1 | | 2.7 |
| Tenant reimbursements | 36.0 | | 33.0 | | 3.0 |
| Property management fee revenue | 0.4 | | 0.7 | | (0.3) |
| Other rental income | 1.3 | | 0.5 | | 0.8 |
| Total revenues | 150.5 | 100 | % 144.3 | 100 | % 6.2 |
| Expense: | | | | | |
| Property operating costs | 58.8 | 39 | % 55.3 | 38 | % 3.5 |
| Depreciation | 27.7 | 18 | % 25.4 | 17 | % 2.3 |
| Amortization | 15.8 | 11 | % 10.9 | 8 | % 4.9 |
| General and administrative expense | 7.7 | 5 | % 7.9 | 6 | % (0.2) |
| Real estate operating income | 40.5 | 27 | % 44.8 | 31 | % (4.3) |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | |
| Interest expense | (19.3) | (13) | % (18.9) | (13) | % (0.4) |
| Interest and other (expense)/income | (0.2) | — | % 1.0 | 1 | % (1.2) |
| Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures | 0.3 | — | % 0.6 | — | % (0.3) |
| Loss on consolidation of VIE | (0.4) | — | % — | — | % (0.4) |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 20.9 | 14 | % \$ 27.5 | 19 | % (6.6) |

Continuing Operations

Revenue

Rental income increased from approximately \$110.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 to approximately \$112.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011. This variance is due to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010 which account for an approximate \$6.4 million increase in rental revenue. However, this increase was largely offset by lower lease rates for leases commencing subsequent to June 30, 2010, as well as a reduction in leased space due to lease terminations at various

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properties.

Tenant reimbursements increased from approximately \$33.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 to approximately \$36.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 primarily due to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010. Although property tax reimbursements at our existing properties decreased compared to the prior period due to lower property tax expense, operating expense recoveries offset this decrease in property tax reimbursements, mainly due to an increase in recoverable repair and maintenance costs.

Other rental income is comprised primarily of income recognized for lease terminations and restructurings. Unlike the majority of our rental income, which is recognized ratably over long-term contracts, other rental income is recognized once we have completed our obligation to provide space to the tenant. Lease terminations and restructurings for the three months ended June 30, 2011 of approximately \$1.3 million primarily relate to leases at the US Bancorp Center Building and the Crescent Ridge II Building in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as the 1225 Eye Street Building in Washington, D.C. Lease terminations and restructurings for the three months ended June 30, 2010 of approximately \$0.5 million relate primarily to a lease terminated at the 110 Hidden Lake Circle Building in Duncan, South Carolina. We do not expect such income to be comparable in future periods, as it will be dependent upon the exercise of lease terminations by tenants and/or the execution of restructuring agreements that may not be in our control or are deemed by management to be in the best interest of the portfolio over the long term.

Expense

Property operating costs increased approximately \$3.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is primarily attributable to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, contributing approximately \$4.4 million of the new expense. This increase was partially offset by lower property tax expense of approximately \$1.1 million, which was primarily the result of successful appeals of the assessed values at several of our buildings.

Depreciation expense increased approximately \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is attributable to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, accounting for approximately \$1.5 million of the increase. The remainder of the increase is due to depreciation on additional tenant improvements and building expenditures capitalized subsequent to June 30, 2010, partially offset by the write-off of fully depreciated assets on our existing properties.

Amortization expense increased approximately \$4.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is primarily attributable to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, contributing approximately \$6.0 million of the increase. The increase was also partially attributable to an increase in amortization related to new deferred lease acquisition costs associated with the acquisition or renewal of tenant leases subsequent to June 30, 2010 of approximately \$0.5 million, which are amortized over the life of the respective leases. However, these increases were offset by lower amortization expense of approximately \$1.6 million recognized for lease intangible assets arising from initial purchase price allocations in accordance with GAAP that were fully amortized subsequent to June 30, 2010.

General and administrative expenses decreased approximately \$0.2 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease is due to a number of factors, including lower transfer agent expenses and related investor support expenses in the current period subsequent to listing our shares on the New York Stock Exchange in the prior period.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense increased approximately \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year because we recorded the 500 W. Monroe Loans in our consolidated financial statements in March 2011 as part of our becoming the primary beneficiary of the VIE containing the 500 W. Monroe Building, a \$140.0 million first mortgage loan secured by the building, and a participation in a mezzanine loan totaling \$45.0 million. This increase was partially offset by the reduction of our effective interest rate as a result of entering into an interest rate swap agreement in conjunction with our extension of the \$250 Million Term Loan in June 2010, which lowered the rate on the loan from 4.97% to 2.36%.

Interest and other (expense)/income decreased approximately \$1.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. Due to our successful bid at a UCC foreclosure sale of the 500 W.

Monroe Building located in Chicago, Illinois, we no longer record interest income or mezzanine discount amortization on our former investments in mezzanine debt, both of which were secured by pledges of equity interests in the ownership of the property. Additionally, we incurred higher acquisition costs of approximately \$0.7 million in the current period related to costs associated with the acquisition of properties during the current period.

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures decreased approximately \$0.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011

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compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease is the result of tenants vacating space at the 47300 Kato Road Building in Fremont, California effective in June 2010 and the Two Park Center Building located in Hoffman Estates, Illinois effective in January 2011. These decreases were offset slightly by our proportionate share of the gain recognized on the sale of the 360 Interlocken Building in Broomfield, Colorado, which is the last building held by our investment in Fund IX, X, XI and REIT joint venture. We expect equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures to fluctuate based on the timing and extent to which dispositions occur as our unconsolidated joint ventures approach their stated dissolution periods.

During the three months ended June 30, 2011, we reversed approximately \$0.4 million of the \$1.9 million gain on consolidation of a variable interest entity recognized during the first quarter 2011 as additional information became available during the quarter ended June 30, 2011 which impacted our original estimates of the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired.

Income from continuing operations per share on a fully diluted basis decreased from \$0.16 for the three months ended June 30, 2010 to \$0.12 for the three months ended June 30, 2011 primarily due to the increase in depreciation and amortization expense associated with properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, and with ongoing leasing and building improvements at our existing properties. Further, we recognized less interest income because we no longer record interest income on our two investments in mezzanine debt as stated above, and we recorded more interest expense as a result of assuming the \$185.0 million of loans associated with the 500 W. Monroe Building.

Discontinued Operations

In accordance with GAAP, we have classified the operations of the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey and the operations of the Eastpointe Corporate Center in Issaquah, Washington as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Income from discontinued operations increased approximately \$7.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. There was no activity in the current period at the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building as the property was sold in December 2010; however, there was a \$9.6 million impairment charge on the property in the prior period to write the asset down to estimated fair value upon execution of the binding contract to sell the asset. We do not expect that income from discontinued operations will be comparable to future periods, as such income is subject to the timing and existence of future property dispositions.

Comparison of the six months ended June 30, 2011 versus the six months ended June 30, 2010

The following table sets forth selected data from our consolidated statements of income for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, as well as each balance as a percentage of total revenues for the same periods presented (dollars in millions):

| | June 30, 2011 | % | June 30, 2010 | % | \$ Increase (Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Rental income | \$222.3 | | \$219.9 | | 2.4 |
| Tenant reimbursements | 68.3 | | 67.8 | | 0.5 |
| Property management fee revenue | 1.2 | | 1.4 | | (0.2) |
| Other rental income | 4.8 | | 1.0 | | 3.8 |
| Total revenues | 296.6 | 100 | % 290.1 | 100 | % 6.5 |
| Expense: | | | | | |
| Property operating costs | 113.4 | 39 | % 110.4 | 38 | % 3.0 |
| Depreciation | 54.6 | 18 | % 50.8 | 17 | % 3.8 |
| Amortization | 27.9 | 9 | % 22.2 | 8 | % 5.7 |
| General and administrative expense | 14.5 | 5 | % 14.6 | 5 | % (0.1) |
| Real estate operating income | 86.2 | 29 | % 92.1 | 32 | % (5.9) |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | |
| Interest expense | (36.4) | (12 |)% (38.0 |) (13 |)% 1.6 |
| Interest and other income | 3.2 | 1 | % 2.0 | 1 | % 1.2 |

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| Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures | 0.5 | — | % 1.3 | — | % (0.8) |) |
| Gain on consolidation of VIE | 1.5 | 1 | % — | — | % 1.5 |) |
| Income from continuing operations | \$55.0 | 19 | % \$57.4 | 20 | % (2.4) |) |

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Continuing Operations

Revenue

Rental income increased from approximately \$219.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to approximately \$222.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011. This variance is due primarily to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010 which account for an approximate \$7.7 million increase in rental revenue. However, this increase was partially offset by lower lease rates for leases commencing subsequent to June 30, 2010, primarily at our 1200 Crown Colony Drive Building in Quincy, Massachusetts, and our 150 West Jefferson Building in Detroit, Michigan, as well as a reduction in leased space due to lease terminations and or/restructurings at various properties, mainly at our 1201 Eye Street Building in Washington, D.C. and our 800 North Brand Boulevard Building in Glendale, California.

Tenant reimbursements increased from approximately \$67.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to approximately \$68.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 primarily due to (i) properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, accounting for an approximate \$3.6 million increase in tenant reimbursements; (ii) an approximate \$1.0 million increase in tenant-requested services (i.e. billback expenses); and (iii) an approximate \$1.1 million increase in operating expense recoveries. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in estimated property taxes due to successful appeals of the assessed values at several of our buildings of approximately \$5.2 million.

Other rental income is comprised primarily of income recognized for lease terminations and restructurings. Unlike the majority of our rental income, which is recognized ratably over long-term contracts, other rental income is recognized once we have completed our obligation to provide space to the tenant. Lease terminations and restructurings for the six months ended June 30, 2011 of approximately \$4.8 million relate primarily to leases at the 1201 and 1225 Eye Street Buildings in Washington, D.C., the 1075 West Entrance Drive Building in Auburn Hills, Michigan, the US Bancorp Center Building and the Crescent Ridge II Building in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the 110 Hidden Lake Circle Building in Duncan, South Carolina. Lease terminations and restructurings for the six months ended June 30, 2010 of approximately \$1.0 million primarily relates to a lease terminated at the 110 Hidden Lake Circle Building. We do not expect such income to be comparable in future periods, as it will be dependent upon the exercise of lease terminations by tenants and/or the execution of restructuring agreements that may not be in our control or are deemed by management to be in the best interest of the portfolio over the long term.

Expense

Property operating costs increased approximately \$3.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. This variance is due primarily to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, which accounts for a \$5.4 million increase in property costs. Property operating costs also increased due to higher recoverable repair and maintenance costs of approximately \$1.0 million and higher recoverable tenant-requested services (i.e. billback expenses) of approximately \$0.5 million. This unfavorable variance was partially offset as a result of successful appeals of the assessed values at several of our buildings resulting in lower estimated property tax expense of approximately \$3.7 million.

Depreciation expense increased approximately \$3.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is primarily attributable to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, comprising approximately \$1.9 million of the increase. Additionally, new tenant improvements and building expenditures capitalized at our existing properties subsequent to June 30, 2010 resulted in additional depreciation expense of approximately \$1.3 million. The remainder of the variance is due to an adjustment to accelerate depreciation expense on tenant improvements in the current period related to lease terminations at various properties of approximately \$0.6 million.

Amortization expense increased approximately \$5.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is primarily attributable to properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010, accounting for approximately \$6.2 million of the increase. The increase is also attributable to approximately \$1.3 million of adjustments to accelerate amortization expense on certain lease intangible assets related to various lease terminations at certain of our buildings, as well as an increase in amortization related to new deferred lease acquisition costs associated with the acquisition or renewal of tenant leases subsequent to June 30, 2010 of

approximately \$1.0 million. Such costs are amortized over the life of the respective leases. However, these increases were offset by lower amortization expense of approximately \$2.8 million recognized for lease intangible assets arising from initial purchase price allocations in accordance with GAAP at our existing properties that became fully amortized subsequent to June 30, 2010.

General and administrative expenses decreased approximately \$0.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease is due to a number of factors, including lower transfer agent expenses and related investor support expenses in the current period subsequent to listing our shares on the New York Stock Exchange in the prior period.

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Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense decreased approximately \$1.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year mainly because we extended the \$250 Million Term Loan in June 2010, and entered into new interest rate swap agreements with four counterparties to effectively fix the interest rate on the loan at 2.36%, as compared to 4.97% in the prior period. However, these decreases were partially offset by interest expense related to recording the 500 W. Monroe Loans in our consolidated financial statements in March 2011 as part of our becoming the primary beneficiary of the VIE containing the 500 W. Monroe Building, a \$140.0 million first mortgage loan secured by the building, and a participation in a mezzanine loan totaling \$45.0 million.

Interest and other income increased approximately \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The variance is due to the recognition of previously deferred property operating income upon consolidation of the 500 W. Monroe Building in the current period of approximately \$2.6 million. The increase was partially offset by the fact that we no longer record interest income or mezzanine discount amortization in the current period on our former investments in mezzanine debt, both of which were secured by pledges of equity interests in the ownership of the property, due to our successful bid at a UCC foreclosure sale of the 500 W. Monroe Building.

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures decreased approximately \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease was a result of tenants vacating space at the 47300 Kato Road Building in Fremont, California effective in June 2010 and the Two Park Center Building located in Hoffman Estate, Illinois effective in January 2011. These decreases were offset slightly by our proportionate share of the gain recognized on the sale of the 360 Interlocken Building in Broomfield, Colorado, which is the last building held by our investment in Fund IX, X, XI and REIT joint venture. We expect equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures to fluctuate based on the timing and extent to which dispositions occur as our unconsolidated joint ventures approach their stated dissolution periods.

The approximate \$1.5 million gain on the consolidation of our VIE recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2011 is the net result of recording the estimated fair value of the net assets associated with taking ownership of the 500 W. Monroe Building through foreclosure.

Income from continuing operations per share on a fully diluted basis decreased from \$0.34 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to \$0.32 for the six months ended June 30, 2011 primarily due to the increase in depreciation and amortization expense associated with properties acquired subsequent to June 30, 2010. Further, rental income was negatively impacted by lower rental rates and a reduction in leased space at some of our existing properties. These decreases were partially offset by income recognized for lease terminations and restructurings, the recognition of deferred income upon consolidation of the 500 W. Monroe Building, as well as a non-recurring, non-cash gain of approximately \$1.5 million recognized upon such consolidation of the VIE containing the 500 W. Monroe Building.

Discontinued Operations

In accordance with GAAP, we have classified the operations of the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building and the operations of the Eastpointe Corporate Center as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Income from discontinued operations increased approximately \$6.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. There was no activity in the current period at the 111 Sylvan Avenue Building as the property was sold in December 2010; however, there was a \$9.6 million impairment charge on the property in the prior period to write the asset down to estimated fair value upon execution of the binding contract to sell the asset. We do not expect that income from discontinued operations will be comparable to future periods, as such income is subject to the timing and existence of future property dispositions.

Funds From Operations (“FFO”), Core FFO, and Adjusted Funds from Operations (“AFFO”)

Net income calculated in accordance with GAAP is the starting point for calculating FFO, Core FFO, and AFFO, which are non-GAAP financial measures and should not be viewed as an alternative measurement of our operating performance to net income. Management believes that accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values have

historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves. As a result, we believe that the use of FFO, Core FFO, and AFFO, together with the required GAAP presentation, provides a more complete understanding of our performance relative to our competitors and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing, and investing activities.

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We calculate FFO in accordance with the current NAREIT definition as follows: Net income (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains or losses from sales of property, plus depreciation and amortization on real estate assets (including our proportionate share of depreciation and amortization related to investments in unconsolidated joint ventures). Other REITs may not define FFO in accordance with the NAREIT definition, or may interpret the current NAREIT definition differently than we do; therefore, our computation of FFO may not be comparable to such other REITs.

We calculate Core FFO as FFO (calculated as set forth above) less impairment charges, acquisition costs, and significant nonrecurring items (including our proportionate share of any impairment charges, acquisition costs, or significant nonrecurring items recognized during the period related to investments in unconsolidated joint ventures). During the six months ended June 30, 2011, we reduced FFO for the nonrecurring \$1.5 million gain on consolidation of the VIE containing the 500 W. Monroe Building and 500 W. Monroe Loans and added back acquisition costs of approximately \$0.7 million to arrive at Core FFO.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, we calculated AFFO as Core FFO (calculated as set forth above) exclusive of the net effects of: (i) amortization associated with deferred financing costs; (ii) depreciation on non-income-producing real estate assets; (iii) straight-line lease revenue/expense; (iv) amortization of above and below-market lease intangibles; (v) stock-based and other non-cash compensation expense; (vi) amortization of mezzanine discount income; (vii) acquisition costs, and (viii) non-incremental capital expenditures (as defined below). Our proportionate share of such adjustments related to investments in unconsolidated joint ventures are also included when calculating AFFO.

Reconciliations of net income to FFO, Core FFO, and AFFO are presented below (in thousands except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | 2011 | Per Share ⁽¹⁾ | 2010 | Per Share ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 | Per Share ⁽¹⁾ | 2010 | Per Share ⁽¹⁾ |
| Net income attributable to Piedmont | \$21,027 | \$0.12 | \$19,636 | \$0.11 | \$54,994 | \$0.32 | \$51,096 | \$0.30 |
| Depreciation of real assets ⁽²⁾ | 27,879 | 0.16 | 25,872 | 0.15 | 55,033 | 0.32 | 52,122 | 0.31 |
| Amortization of lease-related costs ⁽²⁾ | 15,878 | 0.10 | 11,104 | 0.07 | 27,984 | 0.16 | 22,592 | 0.13 |
| Loss/(gain) on consolidation of VIE | 388 | — | — | — | (1,532) | (0.01) | — | — |
| Gain on sale- unconsolidated partnership | (45) | — | — | — | (45) | — | — | — |
| Funds From Operations | \$65,127 | \$0.38 | \$56,612 | \$0.33 | \$136,434 | \$0.79 | \$125,810 | \$0.74 |
| Adjustment: | | | | | | | | |
| Acquisition costs | 716 | — | 48 | — | 690 | — | 48 | — |
| Impairment loss | — | — | 9,587 | 0.05 | — | — | 9,587 | 0.06 |
| Core Funds From Operations | \$65,843 | \$0.38 | \$66,247 | \$0.38 | \$137,124 | \$0.79 | \$135,445 | \$0.80 |
| Deferred financing cost amortization | 1,060 | — | 696 | — | 1,667 | 0.01 | 1,393 | 0.01 |
| Amortization of fair market adjustments on notes payable | 942 | 0.01 | — | — | 942 | — | — | — |
| Depreciation of non real estate assets | 168 | — | 178 | — | 338 | — | 357 | — |
| Straight-line effects of lease expense ⁽²⁾ | (2,596) | (0.02) | (784) | — | (359) | — | 289 | — |
| Stock-based and other non-cash compensation | 896 | 0.01 | 711 | — | 1,864 | 0.01 | 1,364 | 0.01 |

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| Net effect of amortization of below-market in-place lease intangibles ⁽²⁾ | (1,670) | (0.01) | (1,525) | (0.01) | (3,033) | (0.02) | (2,952) | (0.02) |
| Income from amortization of discount on purchase of mezzanine loans | — | — | (694) | — | (484) | — | (1,362) | — |
| Acquisition costs | (716) | — | (48) | — | (690) | — | (48) | — |
| Non-incremental capital expenditures ⁽³⁾ | (16,908) | (0.10) | (8,969) | (0.05) | (38,377) | (0.22) | (18,383) | (0.11) |
| Adjusted Funds From Operations | \$47,019 | \$0.27 | \$55,812 | \$0.32 | \$98,992 | \$0.57 | \$116,103 | \$0.69 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted | 172,986 | | 172,718 | | 172,908 | | | |