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PROFIT CORPORATION
APPLICATION BY FOREIGN PROFIT CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA
(Pursuant to s. 607.1504, F.S.)

SECTION I
(1-3 MUST BE COMPLETED)

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(Document number of corporation (if known))

1 WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Name of corporation as it appears on the records of the Department of State)

2. Maryland

(Incorporated under laws of)

3. December 28, 1998

(Date authorized to do business in Florida)

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SECTION II
(4-7 COMPLETE ONLY THE APPLICABLE CHANGES)

4. If the amendment changes the name of the corporation, when was the change effected under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation? 8 / 8 / 2007

5. PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.

(Name of corporation after the amendment, adding suffix "corporation," "company," or "incorporated," or appropriate abbreviation, if not contained in new name of the corporation)

(If new name is unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

6. If the amendment changes the period of duration, indicate new period of duration.

(New duration)

7. If the amendment changes the jurisdiction of incorporation, indicate new jurisdiction.

(New jurisdiction)

(Signature of a director, president or other officer - if in the hands of a receiver or other court appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary)

Donald A. Miller, CFA

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President

(Title of person signing)

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO

THE SECOND ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT

Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

FIRST: Article I, Section 1.1 of the Company's Second Articles of Amendment and Restatement, is hereby amended to read:

NAME. The name of the corporation (the "Company") is: "Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc."

Under circumstances in which the Board of Directors determines that use of the name "Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc." is not practicable, it may use any other designation or name for the Company.

SECOND: This amendment to Second Articles of Amendment and Restatement was approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors of the Company. This amendment is limited to a change expressly authorized by Section 2-605 of the Maryland General Corporation Law to be made without action by the Company's stockholders.

THIRD: The undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges these Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the Corporation and as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

Except as amended hereby, the rest and remainder of the Company's Second Articles of Amendment and Restatement shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Signatures on Following Page 8- SNV 0002

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COMMISSION EXPIRES 06/30/2008

Articles of Amendment to Second Amended Articles of Amendment and Restatement

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I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the page document on file in this office, DATED: <u>8-9-07</u>	
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION	
BY: <u>Carol M. Austin</u>	Custodian
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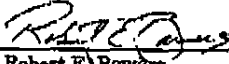
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused these Articles of Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary as of the 8th day of August, 2007.

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: 
Name: Donald A. Miller, CFA
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

ATTEST:

By: 
Name: Robert E. Bowers
Title: Secretary

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