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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2016

Crown Castle International Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-16441

76-0470458 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

77057

(Zip Code)

1220 Augusta Drive, Suite 600 Houston, TX

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 570-3000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 — REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 21, 2016, Crown Castle International Corp. ("Company") issued a press release noting that, as previously announced in the Company's third quarter 2016 earnings release dated October 20, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.95 per share of Company common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, payable on December 30, 2016 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 16, 2016. The October 21, 2016 press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 — FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

As described in Item 7.01 of this Report, the following exhibits are furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.

99.1

Press Release dated October 21, 2016

The information in Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.

By: /s/ Kenneth J. Simon

Name: Kenneth J. Simon Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: October 21, 2016

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Press Release dated October 21, 2016



NEWS RELEASE October 21, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CROWN CASTLE DECLARES QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND

October 21, 2016 - HOUSTON, TEXAS - As announced in Crown Castle International Corp.'s (NYSE: CCI) ("Crown Castle") third quarter 2016 earnings release yesterday, Crown Castle's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.95 per common share. The quarterly dividend will be payable on December 30, 2016 to common stockholders of record at the close of business on December 16, 2016. Future dividends are subject to the approval of the Company's Board of Directors.

ABOUT CROWN CASTLE

Crown Castle provides wireless carriers with the infrastructure they need to keep people connected and businesses running. With approximately 40,000 towers and 17,000 miles of fiber supporting small cells, Crown Castle is the nation's largest provider of shared wireless infrastructure with a significant presence in the top 100 US markets. For more information on Crown Castle, please visit <u>www.crowncastle.com</u>.

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