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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Piche Catherine | 2. Date of E Requiring S (Month/Day 09/01/202 | Statement //Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI] | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 8020 KATY FREEWAY | | Relationship of Reportir Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | 10% Owner | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing | | |
| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77024 | | | X Officer (give title below) EVP & COO- | Other (specify below) -Towers | | (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non | -Derivati | ve Securities Benefic | ially Ov | vned | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Owne Form: D (D) or In (I) (Instr | irect Ov direct | | ature of Indirect Beneficial ership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | | 10,000 | D |) | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | | 999 | I | Ву | 401(K) Plan | 401(K) Plan | | |
| (| | | Securities Beneficia nts, options, converti | | | | - | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exerc Expiration Day/Y | ate | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversio or Exercis | e Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. | |
| | Date | | | Amount or | Derivative | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 5) | |
| | Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Number of Shares | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ 100\%$ of these Time RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022.
- 2. Each RSU is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, and vesting (i.e., forfeiture restriction termination) generally is subject to (i) the reporting person remaining an employee or director of the Company or its affiliates and (ii) the other criteria described in the footnotes herein
- 3. 0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized total stockholder return ("TSR") performance ranking ("TSR Rank") relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 4.0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- $5. \ Approximately \ 50\% \ of \ these \ Time \ RSUs \ may \ vest \ on \ February \ 19 \ of \ each \ of \ 2022 \ and \ 2023.$
- 6.0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2023 based on the Company's TSR Rank relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2022. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below

the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

- 7. 0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2023 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2022. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 8. 33 1/3% of the Time RSUs may vest on February 19 of each of 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- 9.0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2024 based on the Company's TSR Rank relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2023. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 10. 0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2024 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2023. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

Remarks:

/s/ Catherine Piche 09/02/2021

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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