FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Ackerman Robert Carl						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2019								below) below) SVP-COO-Towers and Small Cell					
						Amen	dment	, Date o	f Origina	l Filed	d (Month/Day	/Year)		Individual or	Joint/Group	Filing (Ch	eck App	olicable	
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77057						Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by Mare than One Reporting													
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		٦	Table I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uriti	es Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed of	, or Bei	neficia	Ily Owned	k				
Da					2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Disposed O	s Acquired (A) or If (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securiti Benefic Owned	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		ect I irect E 1) (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)		(	Instr. 4)	
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value		02/19/	/2019				M		6,832	A	\$0	15	5,908	D			
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value		02/19/	/2019				M		945	A	\$0	16	5,853	D			
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value		02/19/	02/19/2019				M		925	A	\$0	17	7,778	D			
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value		02/19/			M		2,512	A	\$0	0 20,290		D					
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value		02/19/	/2019				F		3,654(1)	D	\$120	.13 16	5,636	D			
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value												19	99 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	1 1	As custodian for child I under UTMA	
Common S	Stock \$0.01	Par Value												1	99 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	1 1	As custodian for child 2 under UTMA	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value														1	<b>99</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	I	d f	As custodian for child 3 under UTMA	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value														1	<b>99</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	I	f	As custodian for child 4 under UTMA	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value														g	<mark>19</mark> (3)	I	4	By 401(K) Plan	
			Table II								osed of, o			y Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		med	4. Transa Code (I 8)	5. Number ction of		6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo		isable and ite (ear)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e Ow s For ally Dire or I	nership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r					
Performance	(4)	02/19/201	9		M			6,832	(5)		(5)	Common	6.832	\$0	0		D		

	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Time RSUs	(4)	02/19/2019		M			945	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	945	\$0	0	D	
Time RSUs	(4)	02/19/2019		M			925	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	925	\$0	925	D	
Time RSUs	(4)	02/19/2019		M			2,512	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	2,512	\$0	5,026	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares withheld by the issurer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- 2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 3. Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 4. 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 below.
- 5. 6,832 Performance RSUs vested on February 19, 2019, based upon the Company's total stockholder return performance ranking relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's board of directors for the three year period ended February 18, 2019. The remainder of the original Performance RSUs granted in February 2016 did not vest on February 19, 2019 and were forfeited.
- 6. These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 18, 2016. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- 7. These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 16, 2017. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- 8. These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 21, 2018. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

## Remarks:

/s/ Robert Carl Ackerman 02/21/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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