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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ackerman Robert Carl</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600 <hr/> (Street) HOUSTON TX 77057 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP-COO-Towers and Small Cell</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/28/2019</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|----------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 05/28/2019 | | I | | 203 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$126.12 | 0 | I | By 401(K) Plan |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 09/05/2019 | | M | | 3,114 | A | \$0 | 19,750 | D | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 09/05/2019 | | F | | 1,444 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$149.07 | 18,306 | D | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | | | 199 ⁽³⁾ | I | As custodian for child 1 under UTMA |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | | | 199 ⁽³⁾ | I | As custodian for child 2 under UTMA |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | | | 199 ⁽³⁾ | I | As custodian for child 3 under UTMA |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | | | 199 ⁽³⁾ | I | As custodian for child 4 under UTMA |

**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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Time RSUs | (4) | 09/05/2019 | | M | | 3,114 | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 3,114 | \$0 | 3,115 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes shares acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c) since the date of the Reporting Person's last ownership report.
2. Represents shares withheld by the issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of certain shares of restricted stock previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
3. 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.
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 footnote below.
5. These Time RSUs were previously granted on September 5, 2017. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on September 5 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Remarks:

/s/ Robert Carl Ackerman 09/06/2019

** 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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