FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Piche Catherine  (Last) (First) (Middle)  8020 KATY FREEWAY |   |  |                                      | 3. Da  | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2022 |   |  |  |  |  |   | helow)  | cable)<br>or<br>(give title   |             | 10% Ov<br>Other (s<br>below)   | vner   |
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each Restricted Stock Unit ("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
- 2. 33 1/3% of the Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- 3. 0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2025 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, 2024. 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, 2025 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2024. 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

02/18/2022

\*\* 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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