FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PETRIK ANDREW C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN]										tionship of Reportir all applicable) Director Officer (give title		g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2008										Λ	belov	,	belov TROLLER	v)
(Street) LINTHICUM, MD 21090 (City) (State) (Zip)					_ 4. If	Line) X Form										r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable n filed by One Reporting Person n filed by More than One Reporting on			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative/	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	efici	ally C)wne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execut Day/Year) if any		f any	cution Date,				4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			l and 5) Se Be		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A (C) or))	Price	- 1	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock 12/22/2						2008					320(1)		D	\$6.5029		78,724		D	
Common Stock 12/22/2						/2008					129(2)		D	\$6.5029		78,595 ⁽³⁾		D	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ive Conversion Date Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date, Transaction Code (Ins		Instr.	or of of cr. Office Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of		nstr. 3 nount mber	8. Prid Deriva Secur (Instr.	ative ity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2006. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/06.
- 2. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2007. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2007.
- 3. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: Andrew 12/23/2008 C. Petrik

** 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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