FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rowny Michael J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN]											plicable) ctor		Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2011										Office below	er (give title w)		Other below)	(specify
1201 WINTERSON ROAD						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2011									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) LINTHICUM, MD 21090														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)																	
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Ac	quired	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally (Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Secu Bene		cially I Following	Form (D) o	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(4	A) or D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(
Common Stock 03/2					3/2011	1			A ⁽¹⁾		4,882	. A		\$	\$0 37,13		',131 ⁽²⁾		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)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date, y/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derive Security (A) of Disposor (D) (Insti	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		t		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		0. ovmership orm: oirect (D) r Indirect) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted stock units (RSUs) vests in three equal installments on the one-, two- and three-year anniversaries of the grant date.
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: Michael J. Rowny

04/08/2011

** 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).
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