FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CASH HARVEY B</u> |   |  |   |                         |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ] |   |          |             |                                   |         |   |                                   |   |   | elationship<br>eck all appli<br>C Directo           | ,               |  | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov  |   |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD.  |   |  |   |                         |         | /04/2   | 2015  |          |             | `                                 |         | Day/Year)                               | 6 In                              | below)  |   | Filipe  | Other (s below) |  |  |   |
| (Street) HANOV (City)   |   |  | 21076-14<br>(Zip)                             | 26                      | - 4. 11 | IAME  | enamei  | ii, Dale | OI OI       | nginai F                          | ilea    | (Month/D                                | ay/Year)                          |   | Line  | )<br>K Form   | iled by One     | e Rep  | g (Check Ap<br>orting Perso<br>n One Repo                          | n |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Noi                                    | n-Deriv                 | /ative  | Se  | curit   | ies Ad   | ani         | ired. C                           | Dist    | nosed c                                 | of, or B                          | enet  | ficiall   | y Owned   |                 |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D      |   | action                                     | tion 2A. Deemed                               |                         |         | , 3   | 3. 4. Securi<br>Transaction Disposed<br>Code (Instr. 5) |          | ties Acqu   | ired (A                           | A) or   | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned | int of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                 |  |  |   |
|   |   |  |   |                         |         |   |   |          | Code        | /                                 | Amount  | (A)<br>(D)                              | or F                              | Price   | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3                     | ction(s)  |                 |  | (Instr. 4)   |   |
| Common Stock 03/04/2  |   |  | 4/2015  | 2015                    |         |   | $\top$  | M        |             | 2,857                             | 7 A \$1 |   | \$12.9                            | 5 81,   | B1,416 <sup>(1)</sup>                               |   | D               |  |  |   |
|   |   | 1  | able II -                                     |                         |         |   |   |          |             |                                   |         | sed of<br>onverti                       |                                   |   |   | Owned   |                 |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemo<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Transa<br>Code (I |         |   |   |          |             | ate Exer<br>iration E<br>nth/Dayi | ate     | Amount of                               |                                   |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | tive derivative<br>ty Securities                    |                 | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|   |   |  |   |                         | Code    | v   | (A)   | (D)      | Date<br>Exe | e<br>rcisable                     |         | xpiration<br>ate                        | Title                             | or<br>Nu<br>of  | nount<br>mber<br>ares                               |   |                 |  |  |   |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to             | \$12.95   | 03/04/2015                                 |   |                         | М       |   |   | 2,857    |             | (2)                               | 03      | 3/17/2015                               | Commo<br>Stock                    | <sup>n</sup> 2,   | 857   | \$0.0   | 0               |  | D  |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).
- 2. Option is fully vested.

By: Erik Lichter For: H. Berry

03/05/2015

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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