## 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*  HAMILTON RICK						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]											all app Direc		g Pers	10% C	)wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/20/2019										X Officer (give title below) Othe below SVP, Software and Service						
(Street) HANOVER MD 21076-1426  (City) (State) (Zip)				26	_   4. II	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Indiv Line) X	''					
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									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 09/20/					0/2019	2019				F		241(1)	241 <sup>(1)</sup> D		\$3	9.58	66,462(2)			D		
Common Stock 09/20/					)/2019	/2019				F		782 <sup>(3)</sup>		D	\$3	\$39.58		65,680 <sup>(2)</sup>		D		
Common Stock 09/20/					)/2019	2019				F		593(4)		D	\$39.58		65,087(2)			D		
Common Stock 09/20/2					0/2019	2019				F		442(5)		D	\$3	9.58	64,645(2)			D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion Date Execut or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date, Transaction Code (Ins		(Instr	on of Etr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D Date Exercisal	n Date	•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Shares		f g g Instr. 3	Deri	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Di or (I)	o. wnership orm: irrect (D) i Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the cover payment of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- 3. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/12/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/14/2017.
- 4. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2018. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2018.
- 5. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 11/7/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.

By: Erik Lichter For: Rick Hamilton

09/23/2019

\*\* 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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