#### MORELAND W BENJAMIN

Form 4

February 21, 2018

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

\$0.01 Par Value

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MORELAND W BENJAMIN			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]				I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2018					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
			(7in)						Person		
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab		Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of		ly Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E	n Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A nor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			) 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(11101111)	
	Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018			M	72,613	A	\$ 0	647,668	D	
	Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018			M	8,591	A	\$ 0	656,259	D	
	Common Stock \$0.01 Par	02/19/2018			M	9,014	A	\$ 0	665,273	D	

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Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018	M	4,460	A	\$ 0	669,733	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018	F	35,413 (1)	D	\$ 109.12	634,320	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value						572 <u>(2)</u>	I	by 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance RSUs	<u>(3)</u>	02/19/2018		M	72,613	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	72,613
Time RSUs	<u>(3)</u>	02/19/2018		M	8,591	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	8,591
Time RSUs	<u>(3)</u>	02/19/2018		M	9,014	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	9,014
Time RSUs	<u>(3)</u>	02/19/2018		M	4,460	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	4,460

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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MORELAND W BENJAMIN 1220 AUGUSTA DR SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77057

## **Signatures**

/s/ W. Benjamin 02/21/2018 Moreland

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents shares withheld by the issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of (1) certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16 (b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (2) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 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.
- 72,613 Performance RSUs vested on February 19, 2018, based upon the Company's total stockholder return performance ranking relative (4) to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's board of directors for the three year period ending February 12, 2018. The remainder of the original Performance RSUs granted in February 2015 did not vest on February 19, 2018 and were forfeited.
- (5) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 12, 2015. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vests on February 19 of each of 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (6) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 18, 2016. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- (7) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 16, 2017. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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