

# **RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

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## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Swade Michael R.			Ribbon Communications Inc. [ RBBN ]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP Global Sales</b>		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
C/O RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC., 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE			3/16/2018					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
WESTFORD, MA 01886						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	3/16/2018		M		4667 (1)	A	\$0	222831	D	
Common Stock	3/16/2018		F		3567 (3)	D	\$5.12	219264	D	
Common Stock	3/16/2018		S		13979	D	\$5.14	205285	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PSUs)	\$0	3/16/2018		M		4667 (1)		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4667 (1)	\$0	0	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

- Represents the vesting (at 112% of target) of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PSUs) granted on March 16, 2015 for the 2017 performance period. As a result of the achievement of 112%, which was above target, the Company increased the number of shares granted to the individual by 500 shares, or the above-target amount, to account for such achievement. Performance for this award during the award's 2017 performance period was measured based on the Issuer's total shareholder return (TSR) compared to pre-established relative TSR goals, based on the TSR of the NASDAQ Telecommunications Index, that were set by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- The PSUs have fully vested and accordingly have no expiration date.
- PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY BY DELIVERING SECURITIES TO THE COMPANY INCIDENT TO THE VESTING OF A SECURITY.

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Swade Michael R. C/O RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE WESTFORD, MA 01886			EVP Global Sales	

### Signatures

Michael R. Swade

3/20/2018

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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