

CINCINNATI BELL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ROSS BRIAN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 221 EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

CINCINNATI 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CINCINNATI BELL INC [CBB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/05/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 727   | I  | By 401k Plan                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,000   | I  | By IRA                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,758   | I  | By Children                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 172,217   | D  |                                   |

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. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number of Shares |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 18.3438   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/04/2002   | 09/01/2009  | Common Stock | 40,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 17.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/13/2000   | 09/13/2009  | Common Stock | 15,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 35.9688   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/03/2001   | 01/03/2010  | Common Stock | 25,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 22.8438   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/03/2002   | 01/03/2011  | Common Stock | 20,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 16.425  |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/05/2002   | 09/05/2011  | Common Stock | 5,000                   |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 9.645   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2002   | 12/04/2011  | Common Stock | 25,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 3.48  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/05/2003   | 12/05/2012  | Common Stock | 60,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 5.655   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2004   | 12/04/2013  | Common Stock | 61,000                  |
| Option to Buy <u>(1)</u>                   | \$ 5.57  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2005   | 01/29/2014  | Common Stock | 300,000                 |
| Option to Buy                              | \$ 3.7   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/03/2005   | 12/03/2014  | Common Stock | 150,000                 |

|            |               |          |            |   |         |                           |            |              |         |
|------------|---------------|----------|------------|---|---------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| <u>(1)</u> | Option to Buy | \$ 3.995 |            |   |         | 12/01/2005                | 12/01/2015 | Common Stock | 150,000 |
| <u>(1)</u> | Option to Buy | \$ 4.735 |            |   |         | 12/08/2007                | 12/08/2016 | Common Stock | 200,000 |
| <u>(2)</u> | Option to Buy | \$ 4.91  |            |   |         | 12/07/2008                | 12/07/2017 | Common Stock | 250,000 |
| <u>(2)</u> | Option to Buy | \$ 1.67  | 12/05/2008 | A | 362,162 | 12/05/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> | 12/05/2018 | Common Stock | 362,162 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| ROSS BRIAN A<br>221 EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI 45202 |               |           | Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Christopher J. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian A. Ross | 12/08/2008 |
| <u>    </u> **Signature of Reporting Person               | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Option shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 1997 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (2) Option shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (3) Options have a 3 year vesting schedule: 28% one year from grant date and 3% for each of the remaining 24 months.
- (4) Reporting person will pay option price at time of exercise.

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