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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOBBS FRANKLIN W IV</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC.</u> <u>4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>WESTFORD MA 01886</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ribbon Communications Inc. [ RBBN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO, President &amp; Director</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2018		M		150,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	225,000	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2018		M		65,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	290,000	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2018		F		105,285 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$5.09	184,715	D	

**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 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)	(1)	12/31/2018		M			150,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)	(1)	12/31/2018		M			65,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	65,000	\$0	130,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each restricted stock unit converts into Ribbon Communications Inc. common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- On April 19, 2018, the reporting person was granted 150,000 restricted stock units, which vested in full on December 31, 2018.
- On May 15, 2018, the reporting person was granted 195,000 restricted stock units. The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2018, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Ribbon Communications Inc. or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates that may employ the reporting person through such date.
- PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY BY DELIVERING SECURITIES TO THE COMPANY INCIDENT TO THE VESTING OF A SECURITY.

**Remarks:**

Franklin W. Hobbs 01/02/2019

\*\* 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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