FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bucci Sam</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ribbon Communications Inc. [RBBN]									k all applica Director	able)	p Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		vner	
(Last) 6500 CHA STE. 100	(Firs		/liddle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2023									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & COO					
(Street) PLANO	TX		5023		4. If <i>i</i>	idment	t, Date of	Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					1		
(City)	(Sta		Zip)		<u> </u>															
Date			2. Transa Date	action 2A. D Exect Day/Year) if any		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. 4. Secur		4. Securiti	of, or Benefic ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow		Form (D) or	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Pric	ce	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common S	Common Stock 03/15			03/15	5/2023			M		16,705	5 A		(1)	154,565		55 D				
Common S	Common Stock		03/15	03/15/2023						8,942	D	\$3	.71 ⁽²⁾	145,623		D				
Common S	tock			03/15	5/2023				M		7,965	A		(1)	153,588		D			
Common S	ommon Stock		03/15	03/15/2023				F		4,263	D	\$3	.71 ⁽²⁾	149	,325	D				
Common S	tock			03/15	/2023				M		25,059) A		(3)	174,384		D			
Common S	tock			03/15	/2023				F		13,414	l D	\$3	.71(2)	160	970		D		
Common S	tock			03/15	5/2023				M		40,094	I A		(4)	201,064 D			D		
Common S	tock			03/15	/2023			F		21,462 D		\$3	3.71 ⁽²⁾ 179,602		,602		D			
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L. Title of Derivative Security 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea			3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	ned n Date,	4. Transaction of Code (Instr. 8) Sec Acq (A) Disj		lumber ivative urities juired	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		sable and 7. Title and te of Securit		nd Amo ities ng re Secu	ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	nber						
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)	(1)	03/15/2023			M			16,705	(5)		(5)	Common Stock	16,	705	\$0	16,70	5	D		
RSUs	(1)	03/15/2023			M			7,965	(6)		(6)	Common	7,9	065	\$0	15,92	9	D		
Performance- Based Restricted Stock Units (PSUs)	(1)	03/15/2023			M			25,059	(3)		(3)	Common Stock	25,0	059	\$0	0		D		
RSUs	(1)	03/15/2023			M			40,094	(4)		(4)	Common	40,	094	\$0	0		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) and Performance Share Unit (PSU) converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. Reflects shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the RSUs and PSUs.
- 3. The number of PSUs earned and issuable upon vesting was determined based on goals (set by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") on an annual basis) for each of the three fiscal years prior to the vesting date. Based on the Compensation Committee's determination of achievement of these pre-established financial goals, 125% of the shares subject to the 2020 financial period were earned and vested on March 15, 2023, and no shares were earned for the 2021 and 2022 performance periods and were forfeited.
- 4. Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock, based on the Issuer's total shareholder return (TSR) compared to pre-established relative TSR goals, based on the TSR of a peer index of companies (set by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant) over the three fiscal years ending prior to the vesting date. Based on the Compensation Committee's determination of achievement at December 31, 2022, the number of PSUs reported as vested reflects achievement at 100% of target level performance over the three-year period.
- 5. The RSUs were granted on September 15, 2020 and vested as to one-third on September 15, 2021; the remaining two-thirds of the RSUs vest in four equal semi-annual installments thereafter through September
- 6. The RSUs were granted on March 15, 2021 and vested as to one-third on March 15, 2022; the remaining two-thirds of the RSUs vest in four equal semi-annual installments thereafter through March 15, 2024.

Patrick Macken, By POA from Sam Bucci, EVP & COO

03/17/2023

** 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).
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