

KEATING BRIAN G  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KEATING BRIAN G

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,745.961   | I  | By Trustee of 401k                |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 28,492  | A  | \$ 1.39 47,425                    |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 08/14/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 15,113  | D  | \$ 4.5 32,312                     |
| Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>     | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 36,623  | A  | \$ 2.54 68,935                    |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2012                           |  | D                              |   | 36,623  | D  | \$ 4.5 32,312                     |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                            |
| Option to Buy <sup>(4)</sup>               | \$ 5.655   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2004 12/04/2013                                    | Common Stock 51,000   |
| Option to Buy <sup>(4)</sup>               | \$ 3.995   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/01/2005 12/01/2015                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Option to Buy <sup>(4)</sup>               | \$ 4.735   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/08/2007 12/08/2016                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Option to Buy <sup>(5)</sup>               | \$ 4.91  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/07/2008 12/07/2017                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Option to Buy <sup>(5)</sup>               | \$ 2.91  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2011 01/29/2020                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Stock Appreciation Right <sup>(6)</sup>    | \$ 1.39  | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              | 28,942  | 01/30/2010 01/30/2019                                    | Common Stock 28,942   |
| Stock Appreciation Right <sup>(7)</sup>    | \$ 2.54  | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              | 36,623  | 12/07/2011 12/07/2020                                    | Common Stock 36,623   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| KEATING BRIAN G<br>221 EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Christopher J. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian G.  
Keating

08/16/2012

\_\_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) Common shares issued upon exercise of Stock-settled Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (2) Surrender of common shares to cover the exercise price and tax liabilities upon exercise of stock-settled SAR.
- (3) Exercise of cash-settled Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).
- (4) Option shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 1997 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (5) Option shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (6) Stock-settled Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (7) Cash-settled Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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