

BYRNES BRUCE L  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
BYRNES BRUCE L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

201 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)  
01/03/2006

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | V Amount Price  | 19,634.61  | I   | By Deferred Compensation Plan <sup>(1)</sup> |

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)**

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| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>               | \$ 5.53  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/01/2003 08/01/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 25,000                        |
| Option to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>               | \$ 4.245   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/23/2004 04/23/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 9,000                         |
| Phantom Shares <sup>(3)</sup>              | <sup>(4)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 6,000                         |
| Phantom Shares <sup>(3)</sup>              | <sup>(4)</sup>   | 01/03/2006                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 6,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BYRNES BRUCE L<br>201 EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

Christopher J. Wilson by Power of Attorney for Bruce L. Byrnes 01/27/2006

<sup>(1)</sup>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).

Under the terms of the Cincinnati Bell Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors, which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan, reporting

- (1) person elected to defer a percentage of his annual retainer fee and per meeting fee in 2004. These shares were acquired pursuant to the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors.
- (2) Option shares granted under the 1997 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (3) Phantom shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors, which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (4) One for one conversion.
- (5) Phantom shares are payable in cash following retirement or termination of the reporting person's employment/affiliation with the Company.
- (6) Phantom shares are valued at the fair market price of the Issuer's common stock price on grant date.

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