

CINCINNATI BELL INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SHUMATE ALEX

(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)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| Derivative Security           |                |            | Code | V | (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |     | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|------|---|--|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                               |                |            |      |   | (A)  | (D) |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Option to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 4.605       |            |      |   |  |     | 07/25/2005       | 07/25/2015      | Common Stock | 25,000                     |
| Phantom Shares <sup>(2)</sup> | <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/03/2006 | A    |   | 6,000  |     | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Christopher J. Wilson, Attorney-in-fact for Alex Shumate

01/27/2006

\*\*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 1997 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (2) Phantom shares granted under the Cincinnati Bell Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors, which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (3) One for one conversion.
- (4) Phantom shares are payable in cash following retirement or termination of the reporting person's employment/affiliation with the Company.
- (5) Phantom shares are valued at the fair market price of the Issuer's common stock price on grant date.

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