CIENA CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Rothenstein David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 7035 RIDGE RD.

(Street)

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CIENA CORP [CIEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	12/21/2015		S		764 (1)	D	$ 19.9	313,499 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S		4,265 (3)	D	$ 19.9	309,234 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S		2,229 (3)	D	$ 19.9	307,005 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S		1,172 (4)	D	$ 19.9	305,833 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S		321 (4)	D	$ 19.9	305,512 (2)	D	

Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	2,163 (5)	D	$ 19.9	303,349 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	723 (5)	D	$ 19.9	302,626 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	577 (6)	D	$ 19.9	302,049 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	863 (7)	D	$ 19.9	301,186 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	1,943 (8)	D	$ 19.9	299,243 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	6,163 (8)	D	$ 19.9	293,080 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S	3,066 (8)	D	$ 19.9	290,014 (2)	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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rothenstein David M C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD.			Sr. VP, General Counsel	

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: David M. Rothenstein	12/23/2015
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) RSU Taxes - 12/15/2011 (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/15/2011. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2011.)

(2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

(3) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2012. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2013.

(4) RSU Tax Sales 12/18/12 (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2012. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2012.)

(5) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2013. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2014.

(6) RSU Tax Sales 12/17/13 Award (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2013. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2013.)

(7) RSU tax sales - 12/17/14 grant (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2014.)

(8) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/17/2015.

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