FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BELL WILLIAM J      |  |            |  |                                      |               |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  AMC Networks Inc. [ AMCX ] |  |              |               |               |               |                           |   |  | neck all appoints $X$ Direction  | olicable)<br>ctor                               | r 10% Owner                           |   | vner |  |
|---|--|------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 11 PENN PLAZA                         |  |            |  |                                      |               |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2017                    |  |              |               |               |               |                           |   |  |  | Officer (give title Other (specif below) below) |                                       |   |      |  |
| (Street) NEW YO   | NEW YORK NY 10001  |            |  |                                      |               |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       |  |              |               |               |               |                           |   |  | . Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  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. Transac Date (Month/Date) |  |            |  |                                      | Execution Dat |   |  | Date,  | Code (Instr  |               |               |               |                           |   | Secur<br>Benef                         | cially<br>I Following  | Form<br>(D) o                                   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |      |  |
|   |  |            |  |                                      |               |   |  | ď  | Code         | V             | Amount        | (A) or<br>(D) |                           | Price   | Transa                                 | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |   |                                       |   |      |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |            |  |                                      |               |   |  |  |              |               |               |               |                           |   |  |  |   |                                       |   |      |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | ative Conversion Date Execution Date, Tr<br>rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Co  |            |  | ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative |               |   | tive<br>ties<br>red<br>sed   | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |              |               | of Securities |               | s<br>ecurity              | 8. Price o<br>Derivativ<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Iy Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4  |   | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |      |  |
|   |  |            |  | c                                    | Code          | v | (A)  |  | Date<br>Exer | e<br>rcisable |               | opiration     | Title                     |   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |                                       |   |      |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                                  | (1)  | 06/06/2017 |  |                                      | A             |   | 2,525  |  |              | (2)           |               | (2)           | Netw<br>In<br>Clas<br>Com | - 1   | 2,525                                  | (3)  | 16,14   | 4                                     | D   |      |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each restricted stock unit is granted under the AMC Networks Inc. 2011 Amended and Restated Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors and represents a right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock or the cash equivalent thereof.
- 2. The restricted stock units are fully vested on the date of the grant and will be settled in cash or in stock on the first business day 90 days after service on the Board of Directors ceases.
- $3.\ Granted\ under\ the\ AMC\ Networks\ Inc.\ 2011\ Amended\ and\ Restated\ Stock\ Plan\ for\ Non-Employee\ Directors\ for\ no\ consideration.$

/s/ Anne G. Kelly, Attorney-infact for William J. Bell

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly.$ 

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