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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8 K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 13, 2015

Ciena Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

001-36250

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

23-2725311

7035 Ridge Road, Hanover, MD 21076

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(410) 694-5700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02 - DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(b)On August 8, 2015, Philippe Morin, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Field Operations, notified Ciena Corporation ("Ciena") of his decision to resign as an officer and employee of Ciena and its subsidiaries, effective as of October 31, 2015. In connection with Ciena's broader organizational design planning, Ciena and Mr. Morin have agreed to work together to provide for an orderly transition of his role for Ciena customers and the global field organization.

Additional information regarding Mr. Morin's departure is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit Number Description of Document

Text of Press Release dated August 13, 2015, issued by Ciena Corporation,

reporting the resignation of Philippe Morin, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales

Exhibit 99.1 and Field Operations.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Ciena Corporation

Date: August 13, 2015 By: /S/ David M. Rothenstein

David M. Rothenstein

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary