

CINCINNATI BELL INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
November 09, 2018

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

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\***

**CINCINNATI BELL INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$0.01 par value**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**171871502**

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**November 9, 2018**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons  
ASSF IV AIV B Holdings III, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
    - (a)
    - (b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0   |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>1,440,399 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)      |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0                                    |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>1,440,399 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,440,399 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
2.9%\* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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\* The calculation of the percentage of outstanding shares is based on 50,166,178 shares of Common Stock (as defined herein) outstanding as of October 31, 2018 as disclosed by the Issuer (as defined herein) in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending September 30, 2018 (the 10-Q ).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons  
ASSF Operating Manager IV, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
    - (a)
    - (b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                    |   |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|---|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power                  |   |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With |     |                                    | 0 |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power                |   |
|   |     | 1,440,399 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |   |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power             |   |
|   |     | 0                                  |   |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power           |   |
|   |     | 1,440,399 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
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  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>AF V US BD Holdings, L.P.   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                            |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>                    |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>4.0%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>PN   |

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>AF V BD AIV, L.P.  |  |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)                                |  |
|   | (a)  | o  |
|   | (b)  | o  |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only   |  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO   |  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)                | o  |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware   |  |
|   | 7.   | Sole Voting Power<br>0   |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.   | Shared Voting Power<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)      |
|   | 9.   | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0                                    |
|   | 10.  | Shared Dispositive Power<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| 11.   | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>2,024,609 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |  |
| 12.   | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)               | o  |
| 13.   | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>4.0%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)               |  |
| 14.   | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>PN  |  |

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1. Names of Reporting Persons  
Ares Credit Hedge Fund LP
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)   
(b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0   |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0  |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                                     |
|   | 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
\*\*0.1%\*\* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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\*\* Denotes less than.

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Capital Management III LLC   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>4,500 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                                |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>                    |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>**0.1%** (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                                       |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>OO   |

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Shares  
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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Management LLC   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                            |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>                    |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>OO   |

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Management Holdings L.P.   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
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| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>PN   |

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Holdco LLC   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)                            |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>                    |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>OO   |

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Holdings Inc.  |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>0   |
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| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>                    |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>CO   |

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Management, L.P.   |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
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| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>PN   |

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| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Management GP LLC  |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
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|-----|---|
| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Ares Partners Holdco LLC  |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)<br>(a) <input type="radio"/><br>(b) <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)<br>OO  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="radio"/>                     |
| 6.  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware  |
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>0  |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>3,469,508 (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)   |
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| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)<br>6.9%* (See Item 3, 4, 5 and 6)  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>OO   |

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### Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 1 to the statement on Schedule 13D amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons on August 29, 2018 (the Original Schedule 13D , and together with this Amendment No. 1, the Schedule 13D ). Unless otherwise stated herein, the Original Schedule 13D remains in full force and effect. Terms defined in the Original Schedule 13D are used herein as so defined.

### Item 2. Identity and Background

Item 2 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) This statement is being filed jointly by (i) ASSF IV AIV B Holdings III, L.P. ( ASSF IV AIV Holdings III ), (ii) ASSF Operating Manager IV, L.P. ( ASSF Operating Manager IV ), (iii) AF V US BD Holdings, L.P. ( AF V US BD Holdings ), (iv) AF V BD AIV, L.P. ( AF V BD AIV ), (v) Ares Credit Hedge Fund LP ( Ares Credit Hedge Fund ), (vi) Ares Capital Management III LLC ( Ares Capital Management III ), (vii) Ares Management LLC, (viii) Ares Management Holdings L.P. ( Ares Management Holdings ), (ix) Ares Holdco LLC ( Ares Holdco ), (x) Ares Holdings Inc. ( Ares Holdings ), (xi) Ares Management, L.P. ( Ares Management ), (xii) Ares Management GP LLC ( Ares Management GP ) and (xiii) Ares Partners Holdco LLC ( Ares Partners ) (collectively, the Reporting Persons ). The Reporting Persons have entered into a joint filing agreement, dated as of November 9, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

(b) The address of the principal office of each of the Reporting Persons and the Board Members (as defined below) is c/o Ares Management LLC, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067.

(c) The Reporting Persons are either holding companies without operations, or are principally engaged in the business of investment management and investing in securities. The manager of ASSF IV AIV Holdings III is ASSF Operating Manager IV, and the general partner of ASSF Operating Manager IV is Ares Management LLC. The general partner of AF V US BD Holdings is AF V BD AIV, and the manager of AF V BD AIV is Ares Management LLC. The manager of Ares Credit Hedge Fund is Ares Capital Management III, and the sole member of Ares Capital Management III is Ares Management LLC. The sole member of Ares Management LLC is Ares Management Holdings and the general partner of Ares Management Holdings is Ares Holdco. The sole member of Ares Holdco is Ares Holdings, whose sole stockholder is Ares Management. The general partner of Ares Management is Ares Management GP, and the sole member of Ares Management GP is Ares Partners. Ares Partners is managed by a board of managers, which is composed of Michael Arougheti, Ryan Berry, R. Kipp deVeer, David Kaplan, Michael McFerran, Antony Ressler and Bennett Rosenthal (collectively, the Board Members ). Mr. Ressler generally has veto authority over Board decisions. The present principal occupation of each of the Board Members is as follows: Michael Arougheti, Director, Chief Executive Officer and President of Ares Management GP and Co-Founder of Ares Management; Ryan Berry, Partner, Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer of Ares Management GP; R. Kipp deVeer, Director and Partner of Ares Management GP; David Kaplan, Director and Partner of Ares Management GP and Co-Founder of Ares Management; Michael McFerran, Partner, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Ares Management GP; Antony Ressler, Chairman of Ares Management GP and Co-Founder of Ares Management; Bennett Rosenthal, Director and Partner of Ares Management GP and Co-Founder of Ares Management.



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Each of the Reporting Persons (other than each of ASSF IV AIV Holdings III, AF V US BD Holdings, and Ares Credit Hedge Fund, with respect to the shares held directly by each of them), and the Board Members and the other directors, officers, partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Reporting Persons expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock, as defined in Rule 13d-3.

(d) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons or the Board Members have been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons or the Board Members have been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which proceeding he or she was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each of the Reporting Persons is organized in the State of Delaware. Each of the Board Members is a citizen of the United States.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Ares Management advises ASSF IV AIV Holdings III, AF V US BD Holdings, and Ares Credit Hedge Fund, which are the entities that have acquired securities of the Issuer. As of November 9, 2018, Ares Management beneficially acquired for the accounts of ASSF IV AIV Holdings III, AF V US BD Holdings, and Ares Credit Hedge Fund an aggregate of 3,469,508 shares of Common Stock, for total consideration of \$49,241,302. The source of funding for such transactions was derived from capital contributed by funds advised by Ares Management.

On September 19, 2018, 1,280,037 shares of Common Stock were transferred from ASSF IV AIV B, L.P. ( ASSF IV AIV ) to ASSF IV AIV Holdings III, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of ASSF IV AIV. ASSF IV AIV was previously reported in the Original Schedule 13D as a Reporting Person.

The information set forth in Item 6 of this Schedule 13D/A is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the Original Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

(a) **Aggregate Number and Percentage of Securities.** See Items 11 and 13 of the cover pages to, and Item 2 of, this Schedule 13D/A for the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock and the percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons.

(b) **Power to Vote and Dispose.** See Items 7 through 10 of the cover pages to, and Item 2 of, this Schedule 13D/A for the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons as to which there is sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition, or shared power to vote or to direct the vote and sole or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition.

Item 5(c) of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended to add the following:

(c) **Transactions Since Most Recent Filing on Schedule 13D.** Since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons acquired shares through open market purchases as set forth on Exhibit 2 attached hereto, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5(c) as if restated in full, and describes all of the transactions in shares of Common Stock. Except as set forth in Exhibit 2 attached hereto, none of the persons named in response to paragraph (a) has effected any transaction in shares since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

Item 6 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended to add the following:

The information set forth in Item 3 of this Schedule 13D/A is incorporated by reference into this Item 6.

**Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits**

Item 7 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended to add the following:

Exhibit 1            Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2018, by and among the Reporting Persons.

Exhibit 2            Trading Data

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 9, 2018

**ASSF IV AIV B HOLDINGS III, L.P.**

By: ASSF OPERATING MANAGER IV, L.P.  
Its Manager

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

By: Naseem Sagati Aghili  
Its: Authorized Signatory

**ASSF OPERATING MANAGER IV, L.P.**

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

By: Naseem Sagati Aghili  
Its: Authorized Signatory

**AF V US BD HOLDINGS, L.P.**

By: AF V BD AIV, L.P.  
Its General Partner

By: ARES MANAGEMENT LLC  
Its Manager

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

By: Naseem Sagati Aghili  
Its: Authorized Signatory

**AF V BD AIV, L.P.**

By: ARES MANAGEMENT LLC  
Its Manager

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

By: Naseem Sagati Aghili  
Its: Authorized Signatory

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**ARES CREDIT HEDGE FUND LP**

By: ARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT III LLC  
Its Manager

/s. Michael Weiner

By: Michael Weiner  
Its: Authorized Signatory

**ARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT III LLC**

/s/ Michael Weiner

By: Michael Weiner  
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**ARES MANAGEMENT LLC**

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

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**ARES MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS L.P.**

By: ARES HOLDCO LLC  
Its General Partner

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

By: Naseem Sagati Aghili  
Its: Authorized Signatory

**ARES HOLDCO LLC**

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

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**ARES HOLDINGS INC.**

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**ARES MANAGEMENT, L.P.**

By: ARES MANAGEMENT GP LLC  
Its General Partner

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili

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**ARES MANAGEMENT GP LLC**

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