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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Holmes John J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
COWEN INC., 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COWEN INC. [COWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2018

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)  
Chief Operating Officer

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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/15/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 25,000  | A  | \$ 11.6   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/15/2018                           |  | D                              |   | 20,402<br>(1)   | D  | \$ 14.2143  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/15/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 2,252<br>(2)  | D  | \$ 14.2143  |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 11.6  | 03/15/2018                           |  | M                              | 25,000  | 03/15/2018 03/15/2018                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 25,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Holmes John J<br>COWEN INC.<br>599 LEXINGTON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Holmes 03/19/2018

\*\*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) This represents the difference between the number of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") exercised (25,000) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise (4,598). Each SAR represents the right, upon exercise, to receive a number of shares of Class A Common Stock equal in value to the number, if any, by which the 10-calendar day volume-weighted average price of the Company's Class A Common stock prior to the exercise date exceeds the exercise price.
  - (2) This represents the withholding of shares of Class A Common Stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations associated with the exercise of the SARs reported in this Form 4.

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