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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses)<br>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>+</sup><br>Smith Stephen M |                      |  | 2. Issuer Name an<br>EQUINIX INC   |                  | r Trac | ling Symb   | ol               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X. Director 10% Owner  |                  |  |            |
|--|----------------------|--|--|------------------|--------|---|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------|
| ONE LAGOON DR  | (First)<br>IVE       | (Middle)                                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/17/2017                   |                  |        |   |                  | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)   CEO & President   |                  |  |            |
| REDWOOD CITY,  | (Street)<br>CA 94065 |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                             |                  |        |   |                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                  |  |            |
| (City)   | (State)              | (Zip)                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                  |        |   |                  |  |                  |  |            |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)  |                      | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | (Instr. 8)       |        | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |  | Transaction(s)   | Ownership<br>Form:                             | Beneficial |
|  |                      |  | (Month/Day/Year)   | Code             | v      | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price  | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/17/2017                                 |  | М                |        | 8,822   | А                | \$ 0   | 40,492           | D  |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/21/2017                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> |        | 1,123   | D                | \$<br>369.1768<br>(2)  | 39,369           | D  |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/21/2017                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> |        | 2,656   | D                | \$<br>370.5198<br>( <u>3)</u>  | 36,713           | D  |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/21/2017                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> |        | 773   | D                | \$<br>371.6618<br>(4)  | 35,940           | D  |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/21/2017                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> |        | 127   | D                | \$<br>372.3106   | 35,813           | D  |            |
| Common Stock   |                      | 02/21/2017                                 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> |        | 100   | D                | \$ 373.5   | 35,713           | 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

|   | ( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |      |   |   |                             |  |                    |  |  |   |                              |                                    |            |
|---|---|--|---|------|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Conversion  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code |   | 5. Number<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3,<br>5) | re<br>s<br>(A) or<br>of (D) | of 6. Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>A) or<br>ff (D) |                    | Date Exercisable 7. Title and Amount   nd Expiration Date of Underlying   Month/Day/Year) Securities |  | 8. Price of 9. Number of<br>Derivative Derivative<br>Security Securities<br>(Instr. 5) Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported |                              | Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative | Beneficial |
|   |   |  |   | Code | v | (A)   |                             | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)                  |            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  | 02/17/2017                                 |   | А    |   | 17,643  |                             | <u>(6)</u>   | (7)                | Common<br>Stock  | 17,643                                 | \$ 0  | 17,643                       | D                                  |            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  | 02/17/2017                                 |   | М    |   |   | 8,822                       | <u>(6)</u>   | <u>(7)</u>         | Common<br>Stock  | 8,822                                  | \$ 0  | 8,821                        | D                                  |            |

# **Reporting Owners**

|                                | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
|                                |               |              |         |       |  |  |  |

### Signatures

| Samantha Lagocki, POA           | 02/22/2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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) Shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan in order to raise funds to pay the required withholding tax pursuant to the vesting of RSUs.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$368.915 to \$369.35, inclusive. The reporting person (2) undertakes to provide to Equinix, Inc, any security holder of Equinix Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 3 thru 5 to this Form 4.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$370.03 to \$371.02 inclusive.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$371.14 to \$372.09 inclusive.
- (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$372.30 to \$372.35 inclusive.
- On March 16, 2016, the reporting person was granted performance restricted stock units, the vesting of which was subject to both continued service and the attainment of certain AFFO, (6) Revenue and EBITDA targets for 2016. The Compensation Committee certified the degree to which the targets were achieved, therefore 50% of the award vested on February 17, 2017,
- (7) Restricted stock unit award expires upon reporting person's termination of employment.

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25% will vest on February 15, 2018 and the remaining 25% will on February 15, 2019, subject solely to continued service.

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of, Samantha Lagocki, Melanie Mock, Brandi Galvin Morandi, Billie Olson, Margaret Paige, Darrin B. Shor 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Equinix, Inc. (the "Company") Forms 3, 4 or 5 and in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Ex 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Forms 3, 4 or 5 and the timely filing of such for 3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the ex This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions i IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 29 day of June, 2015.

#### /s/ Stephen Smith

Signature

Stephen Smith

Print Name