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Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

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Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | Table I - Non-De | erivative Securities Acquired. Disposed of. or Ber | neficially Owned | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |
| (Street) MOUNTAIN VIEW | СА | 94041 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (Last)(First)(Middle)C/O CONFLUENT, INC.899 W. EVELYN AVENUE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2024 | CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER | | | | |
| 1. Name and Addr Buscemi Ste | <u>phanie</u> | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Confluent, Inc.</u> [CFLT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | |
| | isfy the affirmative ions of Rule 10b5- iction 10. | | | | | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------|------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/20/2024 | | S | | 3,866 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$21.68(2) | 161,673 | D | |

| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Der Sec | Title of rivative curity str. 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D (Instr | of Expiration Date Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the number of shares sold by the reporting person to cover the tax obligation realized upon the vesting of restricted stock units previously reported in Table I.

2. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$21.62 to \$21.68. The reporting person will provide to the SEC, the issuer or security holder of the issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

/s/ Melanie Vinson, Attorney- 08/22/2024

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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