
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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): October 18, 2016

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Virginia
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-09881
(Commission File Number)

54-1162807
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

500 Shentel Way
P.O. Box 459, Edinburg, Virginia 22824
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(540) 984-4141
(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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 18, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated October 18, 2016

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company

Date: October 18, 2016

By: /s/ Adele M. Skolits

Adele M. Skolits

Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

(Duly Authorized Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 18, 2016

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company Announces Increased Dividend

EDINBURG, Va., Oct. 18, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) (NASDAQ:SHEN) declared a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share. The dividend is an increase of \$0.01 per share or 4% over the 2015 dividend. The dividend will be payable December 1, 2016, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on November 4, 2016. The total payout to shareholders, before reinvestment, will be approximately \$12.2 million. The Company has paid an annual dividend every year since 1960, when its predecessor Shenandoah Telephone Company declared its first dividend.

About Shenandoah Telecommunications

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) provides a broad range of diversified communications services through its high speed, state-of-the-art network to customers in the Mid-Atlantic United States. The Company's services include: wireless voice and data; cable video, internet and voice; fiber network and services; and local and long distance telephone. Shentel is the exclusive personal communications service ("PCS") Affiliate of Sprint in portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. For more information, please visit www.shentel.com.

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