

**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) **January 28, 2013**

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-09881
(Commission File Number)

54-1162807
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 Shentel Way
P.O. Box 459
Edinburg, VA
(Address of principal executive offices)

22824
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(540) 984-4141**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 28, 2013, Shenandoah Telecommunications Company ("Shentel" or the "Company") issued a news release announcing that Raymond B. Ostroski has joined the Company as General Counsel, Vice President – Legal. In this position, he will serve as the Chief Legal Officer of the Shentel organization.

Ann Flowers will remain with the Company as Associate General Counsel.

The Company's news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 News Release of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company, dated January 28, 2013

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

(Registrant)

January 28, 2013

(Date)

/s/ ADELE M. SKOLITS

Adele M. Skolits
Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer
(Duly Authorized Officer)

Raymond B. Ostroski Joins Shenandoah Telecommunications Company as General Counsel

EDINBURG, Va., Jan. 28, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) (Nasdaq:SHEN) announces that Raymond B. Ostroski has joined the Company as General Counsel, Vice President-Legal. In this position, Mr. Ostroski will serve as the Chief Legal Officer of the Shentel organization.

Mr. Ostroski has 30 years of legal experience, primarily as General Counsel for telecommunication service companies. He previously served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of One Communications Corp; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc.; and, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of C-TEC Corporation and RCN Corporation.

"We are pleased that Ray has joined Shentel. His wealth of legal experience as general counsel, along with his knowledge of our industry, will be a tremendous asset for our organization as we continue to build on our successful growth" said Christopher E. French, President of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company. "As General Counsel, he will have primary responsibility for all legal and regulatory matters for the Shentel organization."

Mr. Ostroski holds a JD degree from Temple University Law School and a BA degree from the Wilkes University.

About Shenandoah Telecommunications

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company is a holding company that provides a broad range of telecommunications services through its operating subsidiaries. The Company is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "SHEN." The Company's operating subsidiaries provide local and long distance telephone, Internet and data services, cable television, wireless voice and data services, alarm monitoring and telecommunications equipment, along with many other associated solutions, in the Mid-Atlantic United States.

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