

**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 20, 2009

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-9881

(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 8.01 Other Events

On October 20, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors had declared a cash dividend of \$0.32 per share, an increase of \$0.02 per share or 7% over the 2008 dividend. The dividend will be payable December 1, 2009, to shareholders of record on November 10, 2008.

A copy of this press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

[99.1](#) Press release dated October 20, 2009

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 thereunto duly authorized.

SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

(Registrant)

October 20, 2009

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

NEWS RELEASE

For further information, please contact Adele M. Skolits at 540-984-5161.

SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY ANNOUNCES INCREASED DIVIDEND

EDINBURG, VA., (October 20, 2009) – The Board of Directors of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel, NASDAQ: SHEN) declared a cash dividend of \$0.32 per share. The dividend is an increase of \$0.02 per share or 7% over the 2008 dividend. The dividend will be payable December 1, 2009, to shareholders of record on November 10, 2009. The total payout to shareholders will be approximately \$7.6 million.

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 and Southeastern United States.
