

**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 16, 2012**

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:

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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 16, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors had declared a cash dividend of \$0.33 per share. The dividend will be payable November 30, 2012, to shareholders of record on November 7, 2012.

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 16, 2012

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)

October 16, 2012

/s/ ADELE M. SKOLITS

(Date)

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

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99.1 Press release dated October 16, 2012

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company Announces 53rd Consecutive Annual Dividend

EDINBURG, Va., Oct. 16, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) (Nasdaq:SHEN) declared a cash dividend of \$0.33 per share. The dividend will be payable November 30, 2012, to shareholders of record on November 7, 2012. The total payout to shareholders will be approximately \$7.9 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 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 along with many other associated solutions in the Mid-Atlantic United States.

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