

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): April 5, 2019

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>001-38341</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>52-2126573</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<u>600 Telephone Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska</u> (Address of principal executive offices)	<u>99503-6091</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code 907 - 297 - 3000

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Appointment of Certain Officers

On April 5, 2019, William H. Bishop accepted the appointment of the Board of Directors of Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (the "Company") to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer effective April 9, 2019.

Mr. Bishop, age 53, joined the Company in August 2004, has served as the Company's Senior Vice President, Customer and Revenue Management since August 19, 2018, and served as Senior Vice President, Business Market from August 9, 2015 through August 18, 2018. Mr. Bishop has over 25 years of experience in telecommunications and business leadership including positions at AT&T and McCaw Communications, as well as at a federal government logistic contracting company.

The Company and Mr. Bishop entered into an amended employment arrangement, key terms of which include an annual base salary of \$300,000, an annual cash incentive target of 70% of base salary, and an annual long-term equity and cash incentive compensation target of 80% of base salary.

Mr. Bishop does not have any family relationships or any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction involving the Company requiring disclosure under Items 401(d) and 404(a) of Regulation S-K, respectively.

The Company's press release announcing Mr. Bishop's appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Departure of Certain Officers

On April 5, 2019, Randy M. Ritter resigned as Senior Vice President, Shared Services of the Company effective May 3, 2019.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<u>Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release dated April 9, 2019 announcing the appointment of William H. Bishop to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer</u>

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: April 9, 2019

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

/s/ Leonard A. Steinberg
Leonard A. Steinberg
Corporate Secretary

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Alaska Communications Promotes William H. Bishop to Chief Operations Officer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK), the state’s leading broadband and managed IT services provider, today announced William H. Bishop, senior vice president, customer and revenue management, is being promoted to senior vice president and chief operations officer as of April 9, 2019. In the newly created role reporting to President and CEO Anand Vadapalli, Bishop will assume responsibility for business operations including revenue across all market segments, customer service, network and IT.

“Bill established our carrier and federal sales capabilities over a decade ago and has been the operational leader driving our industry-leading revenue growth in enterprise and carrier over the past 10 years. We see significant opportunity for continued growth in the markets we serve, and Bill is positioned perfectly to help us drive our business performance given his track record, strong leadership, deep knowledge of Alaska and experience in our industry. I am excited for Alaska Communications and the value Bill will create for our people, customers and shareholders,” Vadapalli said.

Bishop added, “In this new capacity, I look forward to serving customers, providing solutions for Alaska businesses as their technology partner and building upon our success as a customer-focused organization.”

WILLIAM H. BISHOP

Bishop joined Alaska Communications in 2004 and has served in several leadership roles in consumer and business sales and operations, including director of retail operations, director of business and wholesale, vice president of business and wholesale, and senior vice president of customer and revenue management. He brings more than 25 years of telecom and business leadership experience to this role, including positions at AT&T, McCaw Communications, and a federal government logistic contracting company.

Originally from Fairbanks, Bishop is active in the Alaska community. He has served on many community boards including as past board member for the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce and current board member for Alaska Business Week. Bishop holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

About Alaska Communications

Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK) is the leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska. The company operates a highly reliable, advanced statewide data network with the latest technology and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous U.S. For more information, visit www.alaskacommunications.com or www.alsk.com.

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