

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 24, 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	ALSK	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 24, 2019, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the naming of Laurie Butcher as the Company’s Chief Financial Officer. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

As reported in the Current Report Form 8-K under Item 5.02 on November 4, 2015, Ms. Butcher was named the Company’s principal financial and accounting officer effective November 5, 2015. Her responsibilities and compensation as principal financial and accounting officer were not affected by the change in title disclosed in the above referenced press release.

The employment arrangement between the Company and Ms. Butcher dated November 7, 2018 remains in effect. This agreement and the 2016 Officer Severance Policy are incorporated by reference to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	<a href="#">Employment arrangement between Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. and Laurie Butcher (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 29, 2018).</a>
10.2	<a href="#">Alaska Communications 2016 Officer Severance Policy (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 29, 2018).</a>
99.1	<a href="#">Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release issued October 24, 2019 (filed herewith).</a>

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## 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: October 24, 2019

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

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

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### Butcher Named CFO of Alaska Communications

ANCHORAGE, Alaska –Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK) has named Laurie Butcher chief financial officer. Butcher, who joined Alaska Communications in 1997, has served as senior vice president of finance since October 2015 and principal financial and accounting officer since November 2015.

“Laurie has been critical in implementing Alaska Communications’ initiatives to reduce debt, lower interest obligations, navigate the changing regulatory landscape and generate cost savings, all of which have yielded an improved bottom line. We recognize her dedication and congratulate her on successful performance as the company’s principal financial and accounting officer by naming her CFO. We are excited about Laurie’s continued leadership and look forward to her future contributions,” said CEO Bill Bishop.

“During my career, I have had the privilege of working with very talented professionals at Alaska Communications and other state and national entities,” said Laurie Butcher. “As life-long Alaskans, our new CEO, Bill Bishop, and I are deeply committed to supporting our employees, to delivering exceptional service to our customers, and to promoting the long-term success of the company. As CFO, my role is driving our company’s strategic and financial growth to benefit our shareholders, lenders, and the local economy. I am excited to continue expanding our position as a leader in advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers.”

#### LAURIE BUTCHER

Butcher joined Alaska Communications in 1997 and has served in several leadership roles in finance and accounting, including senior vice president of finance. In addition to the Free Cash Flow growth and EBITDA margin expansion strategies, she leads SEC reporting, SOX compliance, accounting, budgeting, forecasting, and more. With more than 25 years of finance expertise, Butcher’s prior roles include controller for Teamsters Local 959 and public accounting at Price Waterhouse and Deloitte & Touche.

Butcher serves as a board member of the United Way of Anchorage and is a management trustee for the Alaska Electrical Trust Fund Pension Plan and Money Purchase Plan. She holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Alaska and is a licensed CPA.

#### 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](http://www.alaskacommunications.com) or our investor relations site at [www.alsk.com](http://www.alsk.com).

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