

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): June 20, 2019

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-38341	52-2126573
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

600 Telephone Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska	99503-6091
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code	907 - 297 - 3000
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(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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 20, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing the initiation of a Rule 10b stock purchase plan and its Board of Directors' approval of a resolution directing the Company to repurchase up to one million shares of the Company's stock under the share repurchase program approved on March 5, 2017 and expiring on December 31, 2019.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release dated June 20, 2019, announcing the initiation of a Rule 10b stock purchase plan and its Board of Directors' approval of a resolution directing the Company to repurchase up to one million shares of the Company's stock under its share repurchase program.

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: June 20, 2019

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

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

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Alaska Communications Initiates Rule 10b Stock Purchase Plan Under Share Repurchase Program

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 20, 2019--Alaska Communications' (NASDAQ: ALSK) Board of Directors directed management to acquire up to one million shares under the previously approved share repurchase program described below. The Board views this step as one aspect of its capital allocation plan to create long-term shareholder value.

In March 2017, Alaska Communications' Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to \$10 million of the Company's outstanding common stock. Repurchases can be conducted in the open market or through private transactions, from time to time, including through purchases made in accordance with Rule 10b plans. The timing and amount of repurchases will be determined by the Company, based on its evaluation of market conditions, its financial position, the trading price of its stock and other factors. The Company intends to use available cash balances to fund the share repurchases subject to, among other things, federal and state securities, corporate and other laws and regulations and the Company's financing arrangements. Shares repurchased under this program shall be considered treasury stock. This program is effective through December 31, 2019.

About Alaska Communications

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

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes certain "forward-looking statements," as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on management's beliefs as well as on a number of assumptions concerning future events made using information currently available to management. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which are not a guarantee of performance and are subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the Company's control. Such factors include, without limitation, Federal and Alaska Universal Service Fund changes, our ability to meet the terms and conditions of the new credit facility, draw down funds under the facility and continue to meet its requirements, our ability to repurchase our convertible notes or make repurchases of shares of common stock under the requirements of the Company's repurchase plan or otherwise, adverse economic conditions, the effects of competition in our markets, our relatively small size compared with our competitors, the Company's ability to compete, manage, integrate, market, maintain, and attract sufficient customers for its products and services, adverse changes in labor matters, including workforce levels, our ability to service our debt (including pursuant to our refinanced credit arrangements) and refinance as required, labor negotiations, including renegotiating our collective bargaining agreement, employee benefit costs, our ability to control other operating costs, disruption of our suppliers' provisioning of critical products or services, the impact of natural or man-made disasters, changes in Company's relationships with large customers, unforeseen changes in public policies, regulatory changes, changes in technology and standards, our internal control over financial reporting, and changes in accounting standards or policies, which could affect reported financial results. Specifically, the share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular amount of shares of Common Stock and it may be suspended, discontinued or modified at any time at the Company's discretion and without prior notice.

For further information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's business, please refer to the Company's SEC filings, including, but not limited to, the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Copies of the Company's SEC filings may be obtained by contacting its investor relations department at (907) 564-7556 or by visiting its investor relations website at www.alsk.com or at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov.

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