

**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): February 15, 2019

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

Delaware	000-28167	52-2126573
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
600 Telephone Ave, Anchorage, Alaska		99503-6091
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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.

On February 15, 2019, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), extended an invitation to Mr. Peter D. Aquino to serve as an independent director on the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). Mr. Aquino accepted the invitation effective March 18, 2019. Also, effective March 18, 2019, the Company will increase the size of its Board from eight to nine directors and will appoint Mr. Aquino to fill the newly created vacant position on the Board.

As of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, the Board has not made a determination about committee appointments for Mr. Aquino.

Mr. Aquino will receive compensation from the Company for service on the Board on the same terms of other non-employee members of the Board.

The Company issued a press release on February 20, 2019 announcing the appointment of Mr. Aquino that provided relevant biographical information about Mr. Aquino. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release dated February 20, 2019

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: February 20, 2019

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

/s/ Leonard A. Steinberg

Leonard A. Steinberg

Corporate Secretary

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[Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release dated February 20, 2019](#)

Alaska Communications Appoints Peter D. Aquino to Its Board of Directors

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 20, 2019--Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALSK), the leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska, will appoint Peter D. Aquino, an industry veteran, to the board effective March 18, 2019. An independent director, Mr. Aquino will expand the board to nine members.

"We are pleased to welcome Pete to our Board. With over 35 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, including very recent board-level experience in driving shareholder value, Pete brings additional strength to our Board. We would like to thank Aegis Financial, our largest shareholder, for the introduction," said Ned Hayes, Alaska Communications' Chairman of the Board.

Peter D. Aquino

Peter D. Aquino is President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Internap Corporation (INAP). Mr. Aquino has a track record of successfully guiding major expansion efforts, turnarounds, and strategic partnerships and transactions at both public and private companies.

Prior to assuming his role at INAP, from 2010 until 2013, Mr. Aquino served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and later as Executive Chairman, of Primus Telecommunications Group, Incorporated (PTGi). Under his leadership, PTGi grew into an integrated telecommunications company serving consumer and business customers with voice, data, high-capacity fiber and data center services globally. From 2004 until 2010, Mr. Aquino was the President and Chief Executive Officer of RCN Corporation where he built the company into an all-digital HDTV cable multiple system operator and created an advanced Metro-fiber network through organic and acquisition strategies. Mr. Aquino began his career at Bell Atlantic (now Verizon) in 1983.

Mr. Aquino recently served on the board of directors of Lumos Networks (Nasdaq: LMOS) and FairPoint Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRP), prior to both being sold in 2017.

Mr. Aquino holds a Bachelor's Degree from Montclair State University in New Jersey, and an M.B.A. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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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