

CROWN MEDIA HOLDINGS INC

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**UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

June 9, 2011

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CROWN MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

000-30700

(Commission File Number)

84-1524410

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**12700 Ventura Boulevard
Studio City, California 91604**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(818) 755-2400

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The Company today announced guidance ranges for 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company anticipates revenue in the range of \$320 to \$330 million, and for the quarter ended June 30, 2011, the Company anticipates revenue in the range of \$74 to 76 million. The Company anticipates that its adjusted EBITDA margin for 2011 will be better than its adjusted EBITDA margin of 32% previously disclosed for 2010.

The information in this Report on Form 8-K is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD.

Forward-looking Statements

Statements contained in this report contain forward-looking statements as contemplated by the 1995 Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include: competition for distribution of channels, viewers, advertisers, and the acquisition of programming; fluctuations in the availability of programming; fluctuations in demand for the programming Crown Media airs on its channels; our ability to address our liquidity needs; our incurrence of losses; our substantial indebtedness affecting our financial condition and results; and other risks detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the "Risk Factors" stated in the Company's most recent 10-K and 10-Q Reports. The Company is not undertaking any obligation to release publicly any updates to any forward looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Use of Adjusted EBITDA

The Company evaluates operating performance based on several factors, including Adjusted EBITDA. Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA adds back non-cash expenses and other items mentioned below.

Our measure of Adjusted EBITDA differs from the normal definition of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) used by most companies. We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, subscriber acquisition fee amortization, and other non-cash expenses. For this purpose, restricted stock unit compensation is treated as a non-cash item, although it may result in cash payments during subsequent periods. Management views Adjusted EBITDA as a critical measure of our operating

performance and monitors this measure closely. We disclose Adjusted EBITDA so that our investors can have some of the same information available to our management to evaluate their investment in our Company.

We also believe that an Adjusted EBITDA provides an indication of the Company's ability to generate cash flows from operating activities since our non-cash expenses are excluded from our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA. The Adjusted EBITDA calculation allows the Company to assess how much is available to pay debt service and gives a further indication of how much remains to fund discretionary expenditures such as the acquisition of programming or additional subscriber base. However, Adjusted EBITDA should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, historical operating income or loss, net loss, cash flow from operations and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Adjusted EBITDA differs significantly from cash flows from operating activities reflected in the consolidated statement of cash flows. Cash flow from operating activities is net of interest and taxes paid and is a more comprehensive determination of periodic income on a cash basis, exclusive of non-cash items of income and expenses such as depreciation and amortization. In contrast, Adjusted EBITDA is derived from accrual basis income and is not reduced for cash invested in working capital. Consequently, Adjusted EBITDA is not affected by the timing of receivable collections or when accrued expenses are paid. We are not aware of any uniform standards for determining EBITDA or our Adjusted EBITDA and believe that our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA is probably calculated differently than presentations of EBITDA by other entities because our calculation was based upon the definition in our bank credit agreement.

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.

CROWN MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date June 9, 2011

By /s/ Charles L. Stanford
Charles L. Stanford
Executive Vice President and General Counsel