

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP INC

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Sector	Telecommunication Services
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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. []

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

Effective August 1, 2017, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), appointed Shawn O'Donnell to serve as an independent director on the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"). On August 1, 2017, the Company increased the size of its Board from six directors to seven directors and appointed Mr. O'Donnell to fill the newly created vacant position on the Board.

Mr. O'Donnell will serve as a member of the Board's Compensation and Personnel Committee.

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

The Company issued a press release on August 1, 2017 announcing the appointment of Mr. O'Donnell that provided relevant biographical information about Mr. O'Donnell. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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.

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

August 2, 2017

By: *Leonard A. Steinberg*

Name: Leonard A. Steinberg

Title: Corporate Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Press Release dated August 1, 2017

Alaska Communications

Aug. 1, 2017

Alaska Communications Appoints Shawn O'Donnell to its Board of Directors

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALSK) the leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska, appointed Shawn O'Donnell, an industry veteran, to its board of directors effective Aug. 1, 2017. As an independent director, O'Donnell expands the board to seven members.

“With more than 25 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, Shawn brings a deep understanding of our sector, including very recent board-level experience in driving shareholder value through strategic transactions. We appreciate being introduced to Shawn by one of our largest shareholders and are pleased to welcome him to our board. With this action, we strengthen our board's capabilities and focus on creating value for our shareholders,” Ned Hayes, Alaska Communications' chairman of the board, said.

Shawn O'Donnell

O'Donnell is a managing director at FTI Consulting. He also serves on the Lumos Networks board of directors, chairing its compensation committee. Previously, O'Donnell served as the President and CEO of Caribbean Asset Holdings, a telecommunications company based in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he oversaw its sale to Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc.

O'Donnell has served as President and CEO of both the Arbinet Corporation, a global provider of voice and internet protocol solutions, and the International Services Division of Primus Telecommunications, a provider of advanced communication services.

O'Donnell has also served on the board of directors of CITA: The Wireless Association and Arbinet Corporation, and his other professional experience includes work at CXO Corporation, Capital and Technology Advisors, Inc., and MCI. O'Donnell has been involved with many charities and served on the board for United Way of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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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