

SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO/VA/
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FRENCH CHRISTOPHER E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO/VA/ [SHEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/14/2016

PO BOX 459

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

EDINBURG, VA 22824

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2016 | | A | | 9,958 A \$ 8.25 | 415,070 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2016 | | A | | 31,512 A \$ 8.29 | 446,582 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2016 | | A | | 10,837 A \$ 6.92 | 457,419 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2016 | | F | | 21,841 D \$ 41.87 | 435,578 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 110,460 | I By Spouse |

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|--------------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 13,668 | I | By Son |
| Common Stock | 152,620 | I | TTEE French Grandchildren Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 397,812 | I | TTEE U/A WBF fbo Grandchildren ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 339,966 | I | TTEE WBF fbo Anne ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 146,249 | I | TTEE WBF fbo Cynthia ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 339,966 | I | TTEE WBF fbo Christopher ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 6,480 | I | TTEE Gladys H Teale Trust ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 8.25 | 07/14/2016 | | X | 9,958 | ⁽²⁾ 06/21/2020 | Common Stock | 9,958 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 8.29 | 07/14/2016 | | X | 31,512 | ⁽²⁾ 02/20/2021 | Common Stock | 31,512 |

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|------------------------------|---------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 6.92 | 07/14/2016 | X | 10,837 | (2) | 02/17/2023 | Common Stock | 10,837 |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRENCH CHRISTOPHER E PO BOX 459 EDINBURG, VA 22824 | X | | President | |

Signatures

Christopher E
French 07/18/2016

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of certain relatives of Mr. French. Mr. French disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares as to which he has no pecuniary interest and this filing is not an admission that Mr. French is the beneficial owner of such shares.
- (2) The option vests 1/4 on each the first, second, third and fourth anniversary. The option (and shares Issuable upon exercise of the option) are subject to cancellation and forfeiture in accordance with the Company's executive compensation recovery policy.

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