

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)
02/18/2016

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2016 | | A | | 2,988 | A | \$ 21.85 355,580 D |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2016 | | F | | 966 | D | \$ 21.85 354,614 D |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2016 | | A | | 2,708 | A | \$ 21.85 357,322 D |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2016 | | F | | 832 | D | \$ 21.85 356,490 D |
| Common Stock | 02/19/2016 | | A | | 5,693 | A | \$ 22.03 362,183 D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 02/19/2016 | F | 1,750 | D | \$ 22.03 | 360,433 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2016 | A | 3,036 | A | \$ 22.07 | 363,469 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2016 | F | 1,004 | D | \$ 22.07 | 362,465 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 110,460 | I | By Spouse |
| 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 | | | | | | 339,966 | I | TTEE WBF fbo Christopher ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 150,864 | I | TTEE WBF fbo Cynthia ⁽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. D S (1) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|
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| | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|------------------------------|-----|------------|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--|-------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/18/2016 | M | | | (3) | 02/18/2017 | Common Stock | 2,988 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/18/2016 | M | | | (4) | 02/21/2019 | Common Stock | 2,708 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/19/2016 | M | | | (3) | 02/19/2018 | Common Stock | 5,693 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/20/2016 | M | | | (3) | 02/20/2016 | Common Stock | 3,036 |

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 02/22/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (3) 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.

- (4) The restricted stock units vest 1/4 on the third Thursday of each February beginning in 2016 subject to the continuous employment by the Company or one of its affiliates until the date of vesting. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the vesting date. The restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture in accordance with the Company's executive compensation policy.

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