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Form 6-K  
August 18, 2011

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**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**  
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**For the month of August, 2011**  
**Commission File Number: 001-09531**  
**Telefónica, S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Distrito C, Ronda de la Comunicación s/n,**  
**28050 Madrid, Spain**  
**3491-482 85 48**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes  No

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**RAMIRO SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES**

*General Secretary and  
Secretary to the Board of Directors*

**TELEFÓNICA, S.A.**

TELEFÓNICA, S.A. as provided in article 82 of the Spanish Securities Act (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*), hereby reports the following

**SIGNIFICANT EVENT**

On Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, the credit rating agency Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P's) published its decision to lower the long-term credit rating of Telefónica, S.A. from A- outlook negative to BBB+ outlook stable. At the same time, S&P's short-term credit rating remained at A-2.

Madrid, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Telefónica, S.A.**

Date: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

By: /s/ Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies

Name: Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín  
García-Ovies

Title: General Secretary and Secretary to  
the Board of Directors