

FRENCH CHRISTOPHER E
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PO BOX 459
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/20/2012

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

EDINBURG, VA 22824

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 10.82	02/20/2012	A		41,439		⁽¹⁾	02/19/2022	Common Stock	41,439
Restricted Stock Units	⁽²⁾	02/20/2012	A		6,072		⁽³⁾	02/20/2016	Common Stock	6,072

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
Date: 02/21/2012

 **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) 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.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
The restricted stock units vest 1/4 on each the first, second, third and fourth anniversary subject to the continuous employment by the
 - (3) 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 recovery policy.
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