

Whitaker Thomas A
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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 *
 Whitaker Thomas A

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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-Wireless & Cable Operations

EDINBURG, VA 22824

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. D |
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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 | | 5,795 | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/19/2022 | Common Stock | 5,795 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 02/20/2012 | A | | 3,565 | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/20/2016 | Common Stock | 3,565 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--|--------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | | Other |
| Whitaker Thomas A PO BOX 459 EDINBURG, VA 22824 | | | | | VP-Wireless & Cable Operations |

Signatures

Thomas A
Whitaker 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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