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Form 8-K  
December 20, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) Of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 14, 2006

Citizens Communications Company

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-11001

06-0619596

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut

06905

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(203) 614-5600

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
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Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of  
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Certain Officers.  
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On December 14, 2006, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of Citizens Communications Company (the "Company") approved the performance criteria for the Citizens Incentive Plan and the Equity Incentive Plan for fiscal year 2007.

The Citizens Incentive Plan assigns certain target amounts of incentive compensation for each career band for exempt and non-exempt full time employees eligible to participate in the Citizens Incentive Plan, except in the case of senior executive officers, the targets are set for each position.

The Committee determined that the cash incentive awards to executive and non-executive employees under the Citizens Incentive Plan would be based upon the achievement of specific goals that relate to the Company's people, products and profitability. The people goals include hiring and retaining employees and reinforcing the Company's performance culture through identified means. The product goals include improving and simplifying the Company's service delivery infrastructure, driving product sales in specified areas with specific targets and developing and implementing new products. The profit goals include attaining certain financial targets, including those for revenue, EBITDA and free cash flow, increasing customer product revenue in identified areas and retaining the Company's customer base.

The actual bonuses payable for fiscal year 2007 (if any) will vary depending on the extent to which actual performances meet, exceed, or fall short of the goals and criteria set by the Committee but will not exceed 120% of target. In addition, the Company's management and the Committee retain the discretion to increase, reduce or eliminate any bonus that otherwise might be payable to any individual based on actual performance as compared to pre-established goals.

The Equity Incentive Plan assigns certain target amounts of incentive compensation for each title for full time employees eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan.

The Committee determined that the restricted share awards to executive and non-executive employees under the Equity Incentive Plan would be based upon the achievement of specific goals that relate to the Company's revenue, EBITDA and free cash flow. The plan requires that the Company achieve 90% of these financial targets in order for any restricted share awards to be granted.

The actual restricted share awards for fiscal year 2007 (if any) will vary depending on individual performance.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Date: December 20, 2006

By: /s/ Robert J. Larson

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Robert J. Larson  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer