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February 27, 2008

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): February 21, 2008

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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 February 21, 2008, the Company's Compensation Committee (the "Committee") approved the performance criteria for the Company's named executive officers and three other senior executive officers of the Company (collectively constituting its Senior Leadership Team) under the Citizens Incentive Plan and the Equity Incentive Plan for fiscal year 2008. The Committee also assigned target amounts of incentive compensation for each member of the Senior Leadership Team.

The Committee determined that the cash incentive awards to the members of the Senior Leadership Team under the Citizens Incentive Plan would be based upon the achievement of specific goals that relate to the Company's "3Ps" - people, products and profitability.

For 2008, the profit goals include targets for revenue, EBITDA, capital expenditures, operating free cash flow, customer retention and integration of recent acquisitions. The product goals include the implementation of critical operational plans and achieving sales targets for High Speed Broadband, Frontier product packages, internet services and wireless products. The profit and product goals are weighted at 85%. The people goals are part of the executive's individual leadership component which is weighted at 15%

The actual bonuses payable for fiscal year 2008 (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.

The Committee determined that the restricted share awards to these executive officers under the Equity Incentive Plan would be based upon the achievement of specific goals that relate to the Company's revenue, EBITDA and operating 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 2008 (if any) will vary depending on individual performance.

The Committee also approved base salary merit increases, cash bonuses for 2007 and restricted stock grants for each of the Company's current named executive officers. See Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

On February 21, 2008, Donald R. Shassian, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, was appointed as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Item 8.01. Other Events  
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On February 21, 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share, payable on March 31, 2008 to holders of record of its common stock at the close of business on March 10, 2008. A copy of the Company's press release issued on February 21, 2008 announcing the declaration of the dividend is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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(d) Exhibits

99.1 Information Concerning Executive Compensation.

99.2 Press Release of Citizens Communications Company issued February  
21, 2008.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Date: February 27, 2008

By: /s/ Robert J. Larson

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Robert J. Larson  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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