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Form 8-K

March 18, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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): March 14, 2005

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

52-2126573

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

600 Telephone Ave, Anchorage, Alaska

99503

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 907 - 297 - 3000

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

On March 14, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") voted to dismiss Deloitte & Touche

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LLP ("Deloitte") as its independent public accountant and to engage KPMG LLP as its independent public accountant, effective immediately.

Deloitte's report on the financial statements of ACS for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 did not contain an adverse opinion, a disclaimer of opinion, or any qualifications or modifications as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. In connection with the audits of our financial statements for each of the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and through March 14, 2005, there were no disagreements with Deloitte on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Deloitte, would have caused Deloitte to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports.

ACS has not consulted with KPMG LLP during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, nor during the subsequent period to the date of its engagement regarding either the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the financial statements of ACS.

ACS has provided Deloitte with a copy of this Form 8-K and has requested that Deloitte furnish it with a letter addressed to the Commission stating whether it agrees with the statements made by ACS herein and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. The letter of Deloitte addressed to the Commission is attached hereto as Exhibit 16.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
Exhibit 16.1	Letter of Deloitte & Touche LLP to the Commission dated March 17, 2005.
Exhibit 99.1	Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. press release dated March 16, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 17, 2005 Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

/s/ David Wilson

David Wilson,
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer and Principal
Financial Officer)