

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP INC
Form S-8
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware **52-2126573**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

600 Telephone Avenue **99503-6091**

Anchorage, Alaska
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) **(Zip Code)**

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2011 Incentive Award Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Leonard A. Steinberg

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

600 Telephone Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

(Name and address of agent for service)

(907) 297-3000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company
	Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provide pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed maximum offering price per share ⁽²⁾	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price ⁽²⁾	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,000,000 shares	\$1.71	\$5,130,000	\$638.68

(1) The shares to be registered hereunder include 3,000,000 additional shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (the “Common Stock”) of Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (the “Company”), reserved for issuance pursuant to the Company’s Second Amended and Restated 2011 Incentive Award Plan (the “Second A&R Plan”). In accordance with Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (“Registration Statement”) shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the Second A&R Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, or similar transaction.

(2) Pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act, and solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, the proposed maximum offering price per share is based on the average of the high and low sale price of the Common Stock of the Company on the NASDAQ Global Market on July 6, 2018, which date is within five business days prior to filing this Registration Statement.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 28, 2011, the Company registered 5,439,355 shares of its Common Stock to be offered or sold to participants under the Company's 2011 Incentive Award Plan (the "Original Plan") pursuant to its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-175179) (the "Previous Registration Statement"). On April 23, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors approved the Second A&R Plan, subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders, to, among other things, increase the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Original Plan by 3,000,000 shares of Common Stock. On June 25, 2018, the Company's shareholders approved the Second A&R Plan. This Registration Statement registers the 3,000,000 additional shares of the Company's Common Stock to be issued pursuant to the Second A&R Plan. Accordingly, the contents of the Previous Registration Statement, including periodic reports that the Company filed after the Previous Registration Statement, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8.

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

PART I

The information called for in Part I of Form S-8 is not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

PART II

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017;
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018;
- (c) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2017 and June 27, 2018.

The description of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, included in the Registration Statement (d) on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 17, 1999, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition to the foregoing, all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered under this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents; except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to shareholders or document or current report furnished under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K that is not deemed filed under such provisions. Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document that is also incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

The validity of the issuance of the shares of Common Stock will be passed on for the Company by Leonard A. Steinberg, Esq., General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company, who is eligible to receive awards under the Second A&R Plan. As of July 6, 2018, Mr. Steinberg had a beneficial interest in an aggregate of 562,087 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

Item 8. Exhibits

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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3.1	<u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form S-1/A File No. 333-88753 (filed November 17, 1999)).</u>
3.2	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-K (filed December 22, 2017)).</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Leonard A. Steinberg, Esq. (filed herewith).</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Moss Adams LLP (filed herewith).</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of KPMG LLP (filed herewith).</u>
23.3	<u>Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u>
24.1	<u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page(s) to this Registration Statement).</u>
99.1	<u>The Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2011 Incentive Award Plan (filed herewith).</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Anchorage, Alaska, on this 11th day of July, 2018.

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc

By: */s/ Laurie Butcher*

Laurie Butcher

Senior Vice President of Finance

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned officers and directors of the Company hereby severally constitutes and appoints Laurie Butcher and Leonard A. Steinberg as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities (unless revoked in writing) to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any and all amendments thereto, including any post-effective amendments as well as any related registration statement (or amendment thereto) filed in reliance upon Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting to such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might and could do in person hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

(Signature)	(Title)	(Date)
/s/ Edward (Ned) J. Hayes, Jr. Edward (Ned) J. Hayes, Jr.	Chairman of the Board	July 11, 2018
/s/ Anand Vadapalli Anand Vadapalli	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	July 11, 2018
/s/ Laurie Butcher Laurie Butcher	Senior Vice President of Finance (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 11, 2018
/s/ Margaret L. Brown Margaret L. Brown	Director	July 11, 2018
/s/ David W Karp David W. Karp	Director	July 11, 2018
Peter D. Ley	Director	
/s/ Wayne Barr, Jr. Wayne Barr, Jr.	Director	July 11, 2018

/s/ Brian A. Ross
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Director

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/s/ Robert M. Pons
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