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CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO Form 8-K April 21, 2005

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): April 19, 2005

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-11001 (State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

06-0619596

3 High Ridge Park Stamford, Connecticut 06905 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(203) 614-5600 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

No Change Since Last Report _____

(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))

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; _____ Appointment of Principal Officers

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(b) Robert A. Stanger, a member of Citizens Communications' board of directors since 1992, has passed away. In addition to being a member of the board, Mr. Stanger was the chairman of its compensation committee and a member of its audit committee.

There are now 10 director nominees for election at Citizens' 2005 annual meeting of stockholders on May 26, 2005. The proxy cards released with the 2005 proxy statement remain effective and the shares represented by those proxy cards will be voted in accordance with the stockholders' instructions with respect to these 10 nominees.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Jerry Elliott

Jerry Elliott Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 21, 2005