

Vadapalli Anand
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Vadapalli Anand

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP INC [ALSK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP, Networks & IT

C/O ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, 600 TELEPHONE AVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| common stock, \$.01 par value | 12/19/2008 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,084 (2) | A | \$ 0 17,170 D |
| common stock, \$.01 par value | 12/19/2008 | | F | | 2,668 | D | \$ 9.09 14,502 D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Restricted stock units | \$ 0 | 12/19/2008 | | A | 20,169 | 12/19/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2010 ⁽³⁾ | Common stock |
| Stock settled stock appreciation rights | \$ 9.09 | 12/19/2008 | | A | 275,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/19/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/19/2013 | Common stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Vadapalli Anand C/O ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS 600 TELEPHONE AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99503 | | | Senior VP, Networks & IT | |

Signatures

/s/Anand
Vadapalli

12/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Time vesting restricted stock award under the Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. 1999 Stock Incentive Plan
- (2) Includes 10,084 shares vested as of December 19, 2008 pursuant to a time vesting restricted stock agreement. Excludes 20,169 of unvested shares subject to future time and/or employment conditions.
- (3) Time vesting restricted stock award scheduled to vest 1/2 each year over two (2) years, subject to continued employment.
- (4) Each SAR consists of the right to receive an amount, in common stock, equal to the excess in fair market value of a share of common stock the date of exercise over the exercise price of the SAR. The SARs vest 1/3 on the date of grant, 1/3 on December 19, 2009 and 1/3 on December 19, 2010, subject to continued employment.

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