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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

## x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006

OR

### • TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to\_\_\_\_\_\_ to\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

62-1147325

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois 60631** (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (773) 399-8900

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes <u>√</u> No \_\_\_\_

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer  $\sqrt{}$  Accelerated filer Accelerated filer Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No  $\sqrt{}$ 

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class Common Shares, \$1 par value Series A Common Shares, \$1 par value Outstanding at August 31, 2006 54,197,834 Shares 33,005,877 Shares

#### UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION

#### QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### **ITEM I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

#### <u>Unaudited</u>

	Three Month June 30, 2006 (Dollars in the		2005 except per sh	are amo	June 3 2006	onths Ended 0,	2005
OPERATING REVENUES							
Service	\$ 791,27	2	\$ 691,74	6	\$ 1	,561,354	\$ 1,363,385
Equipment sales	54,432		50,219		121,58	86	89,651
Total Operating Revenues	845,704		741,965		1,682,	940	1,453,036
OPERATING EXPENSES							
System operations (excluding Depreciation, amortization and							
accretion shown separately below)	150,555		147,238		305,4	10	285,709
Cost of equipment sold	133,416		116,811		276,73	32	244,059
Selling, general and administrative (including charges from affiliates of \$25.3 million and \$21.8 million for the three month period ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and \$49.6 million and \$41.2 million for the six month period							
ended 2006 and 2005, respectively)	342,162		284,209		667,78	80	562,539
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	140,018		126,784		281,74	14	254,277
Total Operating Expenses	766,151		675,042		1,531,	666	1,346,584
OPERATING INCOME	79,553		66,923		151,27	74	106,452
INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)							
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities	21,957		17,825		41,440	)	32,265
Interest and dividend income	9,807		4,347		10,395	5	6,372
Gain on investments							551
Interest expense	(23,007	)	(21,444	)	(46,21	.5 )	(42,182
Other income, net	(140	,	(71	)	62		155
Total Investment and Other Income (Expense)	8,617		657		5,682		(2,839