

UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORP
Form 8-K
June 30, 2009

FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 26, 2009**

UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-9712

(Commission File Number)

62-1147325

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices)

60631

(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

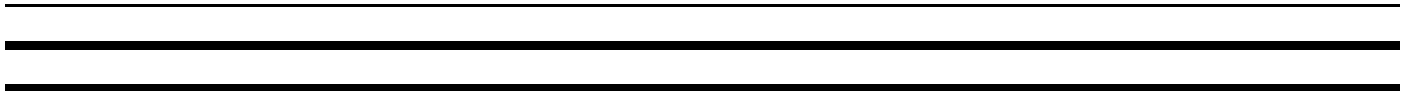
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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.. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements for Certain Officers

The following information is being provided pursuant to paragraph (e) of Item 5.02 of Form 8-K:

On June 26, 2009, the United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) 2009 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan Effective January 1, 2009 (Executive Incentive Plan) was approved by U.S. Cellular 's Chairman, who does not participate in such incentive plan.

The purposes of the Executive Incentive Plan are: to provide incentive for the officers of U.S. Cellular to extend their best efforts toward achieving superior results in relation to key business measures; to reward U.S. Cellular 's executive officers in relation to their success in meeting and exceeding the performance targets; and to help U.S. Cellular attract and retain talented leaders in positions of critical importance to the success of U.S. Cellular. Eligible participants in the Executive Incentive Plan are executive vice presidents and senior vice presidents of U.S. Cellular. Each participant 's target incentive is expressed as a percentage of base salary.

The Executive Incentive Plan and other officer bonus plans of U.S. Cellular are discretionary in nature and are based, in part, on company performance, individual performance, and individual bonus targets, which contribute to the formation and size of an aggregate bonus pool for all U.S. Cellular officers.

This officer bonus pool is determined by taking each officer 's target annual bonus payout (calculated as a percentage of the officer 's base salary) multiplied by the company / regional performance percentage attainment number achieved under the applicable officer bonus plan. The U.S. Cellular President and CEO will consider the performance factors (see below) and any other information he deems relevant in determining the amount available under the bonus pool. This pool is not earned, nor are payouts vested, until the bonus payout date.

The President and CEO determines the actual payout that each officer will receive and is not bound to adhere to any guideline. However, the sum of all participants ' actual awards cannot deviate from the officer bonus pool by +/- 18% for 2009. The Chairman must approve all officer bonuses prior to payout.

The following performance measures, using weights and definitions as approved by the Chairman, will be considered in evaluating the achievements of the officer team for the purposes of the Executive Incentive Plan: Customer Addition Equivalents; Customer Defections; Consolidated Revenue; Return on Capital; and Consolidated Cash Flow.

The foregoing description of the Executive Incentive Plan is not purported to be complete with respect to the material terms of such plan and is qualified by reference to the complete Executive Incentive Plan for the material terms of such plan, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

There is no written bonus plan for the President and CEO. The bonus of the President and CEO is determined in a manner similar to the foregoing, but with some differences. In addition to the factors described above for all executive officers in general, the Chairman considers compensation paid to chief executive officers of other comparable companies, including those which are divisions or subsidiaries of parent companies. These companies include the peer companies included in the Stock Performance Graph in U.S. Cellular 's annual report to shareholders. No written or formal list of specific companies is prepared. Instead, the Chairman is provided with information about executive compensation at these other companies by the Vice President of Human Resources of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (TDS), the parent of U.S. Cellular. This information includes compensation reported in proxy statements of comparable companies and salary surveys. The Chairman uses these sources and makes a determination of appropriate sources, companies and ranges for the President and CEO, based on the judgment of the Chairman.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

In accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, any Exhibits filed or furnished herewith are set forth on the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a safe harbor cautionary statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

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SIGNATURES

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, thereto duly authorized.

United States Cellular Corporation
(Registrant)

Date: June 30, 2009

By: /s/ Steven T. Campbell
Steven T. Campbell
Executive Vice President Finance,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith as noted below.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.1 | United States Cellular Corporation 2009 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan Effective January 1, 2009 |
| 99.1 | Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Safe Harbor Cautionary Statement |