WINDSTREAM CORP Form 8-K February 12, 2007

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## UNITED STATES 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): February 12, 2007 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-32422 20-0792300

(State or other jurisdiction

of

(Commission File Number)

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

incorporation or organization)

## 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas

72212

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(501) 748-7000

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 12, 2007, Windstream Corporation (Windstream) issued a press release announcing that it intends to privately place \$500 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2019. The offering is expected to be consummated in February 2007, subject to market and other customary conditions. Windstream intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay approximately \$500 million of amounts outstanding under the term loan portion of its senior secured credit facilities.

The press release also announced that Windstream is seeking the consent of lenders to an amendment and restatement of its \$2.9 billion senior secured credit facilities to, among other things, reduce the interest rate payable under tranche B of the term loan portion of the facilities; modify the pre-payment provisions; modify certain covenants to permit the consummation of the previously announced split-off of its directory publishing business; and make other specified changes. The company expects to complete the amendment and restatement in February 2007.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit
Number

**Description** 

99.1 Press Release dated February 12, 2007

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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

## WINDSTREAM CORPORATION

By: /s/ John P. Fletcher

Name: John P. Fletcher

Title: Executive Vice President and General

Counsel

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