

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC.

Form 8-K

January 12, 2018

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): January 9, 2018

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter	State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization	Commission File Number	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
Windstream Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	001-32422	46-2847717
Windstream Services, LLC	Delaware	001-36093	20-0792300

4001
Rodney
Parham
Road
Little
Rock, 72212
Arkansas
(Address
of
principal
executive
offices)
(501) 748-7000
(Registrants'
telephone number,
including area
code)

(Zip
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:

.. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) As of January 9, 2018, Windstream Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that, effective immediately, John Fletcher will no longer serve as Chief Human Resources & Legal Officer and that such position will be eliminated. Mr. Fletcher will continue as a full-time employee until March 2, 2018 (the “Termination Date”) in the role of Senior Consultant to the Chief Executive Officer, and his base salary and benefit levels in effect as of January 9, 2018, will continue through the Termination Date. He will transition his duties to Jack Brooks, who was appointed the Company’s Chief Human Resources Officer effective as of January 9, 2018, and Kristi Moody who currently serves as the Company’s Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Brooks and Ms. Moody will report directly to President and CEO Tony Thomas.

As a result of his departure, Mr. Fletcher will receive certain severance benefits pursuant to the terms of a Change-In-Control and Severance Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2017, the terms of which were previously disclosed on September 1, 2017, in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC.

WINDSTREAM SERVICES, LLC

By: /s/ Kristi M. Moody

By: /s/ Kristi M. Moody

Name: Kristi M. Moody

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Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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