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Form 8-K  
July 09, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): July 3, 2007

Citizens Communications Company

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-11001

06-0619596

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut

06905

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(203) 614-5600

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement  
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On July 3, 2007, Citizens Communications Company (the "Company") entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Country Road Communications LLC ("Country Road"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company will acquire Global Valley Networks Inc. ("GVN") and GVN Services ("GVS") through the purchase from Country Road of 100% of the outstanding common stock of Evans Telephone Holdings, Inc., the parent of GVN and GVS. GVN has approximately 15,000 access lines in California. The purchase price is \$62 million in cash, subject to adjustment.

The Company intends to finance the acquisition with cash on hand.

The acquisition is subject to satisfaction of certain customary conditions, including Hart-Scot-Rodino antitrust clearance and necessary approvals from the Federal Communications Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission. The transaction is expected to close within six to nine months.

The Company and Country Road have made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the Agreement, including Country Road making covenants not to solicit alternative transactions or participate in discussions concerning, or furnish information with respect to, alternative transactions.

A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated hereby by reference. The foregoing description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement.

### Item 8.01 Other Events

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On July 5, 2007, the Company announced that it had entered into the Agreement by press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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#### (d) Exhibits

2.1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 3, 2007, between Citizens Communications Company and Country Road Communications LLC.

99.1 Press Release of Citizens Communications Company issued on July 5, 2007.

#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

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Date: July 9, 2007

By: /s/ Robert J. Larson

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Robert J. Larson  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer