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Form 8-K February 28, 2006

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 22, 2006

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-11001 06-0619596
-----(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3 High Ridge Park Stamford, Connecticut 06905 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(203) 614-5600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

No Change Since Last Report (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

- (a) The information set forth in response to Item 9.01 (d) is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) On February 22, 2006, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of Citizens Communications Company (the "Company")

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approved the performance criteria for the Company's equity incentive plan grants (the "Plan") for fiscal year 2006. The Plan assigns certain target amounts of incentive compensation for each career band for full time employees eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Committee determined that the restricted share awards to executive and non-executive employees under the Plan would be based upon the achievement of specific goals that relate to the Company's revenue, EBITDA and free cash flow.

The actual restricted share awards for fiscal year 2006 (if any) will vary depending on individual performance.

- Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - (d) Exhibits
 - 10.1 Information Concerning Executive Compensation.

SIGNATURE

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.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Date: February 28, 2006 By: /s/ Robert J. Larson

Robert J. Larson Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer