# 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): March 7, 2006

# ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-12593

(Commission File Number)

47-0728886

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

10 Derby Square Salem, Massachusetts 01970

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 745-8106

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

9719 Estate Thomas Havensight St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

(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 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))

# Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 7, 2006, Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing earnings results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 In addition to the results prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), the press release contains a reference to a non-GAAP measure — earnings for the fourth quarter and full year 2005, excluding a \$2.1 million impairment relating to our investment in Bridge International, Inc. While this measure is not intended as a substitute for earnings calculated in accordance with GAAP, management believes it is a useful indicator of the performance of the Company's core business operations during the period.

Exhibit 99.1 is furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On March 7, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an amendment to the Company's By-Laws, effective immediately, to expressly permit shareholders to submit proxies electronically or in any other manner permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Prior to the amendment, the By-Laws did not expressly address electronic submission of proxies. The text of the amendment is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 3.1 Amendment to the By-Laws of the Company
  - 99.1 Press release of the Company dated March 7, 2006

# **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.

# ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK, INC.

Dated: March 8, 2006 By: /s/ Michael T. Prior

Michael T. Prior

President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK, INC.

RESOLVED: That effective March 7, 2006, Section 9 of Article II of the By-Laws of the Company be revised in its entirety as follows:

#### **SECTION 9**

Except as otherwise provided by statute or the Certificate of Incorporation, each stockholder of the Corporation shall be entitled at each meeting of stockholders to one vote for each share of capital stock of the Corporation standing in his name on the record of stockholders of the Corporation:

- (a) on the date fixed pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Article V of these By-Laws as the record date for the determination of the stockholders who shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting; or
- (b) if no such record date shall have been so fixed, then at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice thereof shall be given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the date next preceding the day on which the meeting is held.

Each stockholder of record entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders may vote in person (including by means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting) or may authorize another person or persons to vote for such stockholder by a proxy executed or transmitted in a manner permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware by the stockholder or the stockholder's authorized agent and delivered (including by means of electronic or telephonic transmission) to the Secretary of the Corporation. No such proxy shall be voted upon after three years from the date of its execution, unless the proxy expressly provides for a longer period. Any such proxy shall be delivered to the secretary of the meeting at or prior to the time designated in the order of business for so delivering such proxies. When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon, present in person or represented by proxy, shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which by express provision of statute or of the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question. Unless required by statute, or determined by the chairman of the meeting to be advisable, the vote on any question need not be by ballot. On a vote by ballot, each ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting, or by his proxy, if there be such proxy, and shall state the number of shares voted.



**NEWS RELEASE** 

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

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#### **Atlantic Tele-Network Reports Fourth Quarter and 2005 Earnings**

#### Commnet Acquisition Drives Increases in Revenue and Operating Income

Salem, MA (March 7, 2006) — Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. ("ATN") (Amex: ANK), a communications services holding company, today reported earnings of \$2.9 million, or \$0.58 per share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, as compared to earnings of \$2.0 million, or \$0.39 per share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, an increase of \$0.9 million or 45%.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, earnings were \$13.6 million, or \$2.73 per share (\$2.72 per diluted share), as compared to \$12.1 million, or \$2.41 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2004, an increase of \$1.5 million or 12%.

Excluding the impact of a \$2.1 million reserve recorded in the fourth quarter of 2005 described below, earnings for the fourth quarter would have been \$5.0 million or \$1.01 per share, and \$15.7 million or \$3.15 per share for the full year 2005.

As was previously announced, the Company completed its acquisition of 95% of Commnet Wireless LLC, a U.S. rural wireless network operator, on September 15, 2005 and acquired 96% of SoVerNet, Inc.,

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a Vermont data and telephone services provider in February 2006. Commnet's results since the date of acquisition are reflected in the 2005 operating results and were a major factor in the increase in revenue and operating income. The Commnet acquisition was also accretive to net income for the fourth quarter and the year. The acquisition of SoVerNet is not recorded as part of the periods being reported today.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company recorded a \$2.1 million reserve to non-operating income against its investment in Bridge International Communications, Inc., a managed network services company. During the fourth quarter of 2004, the Company recorded a \$3.4 million impairment charge to non-operating income stemming from the write-down of certain assets at its Choice Communications subsidiary and the curtailment of its Atlantic TeleCenter call center business, offset in part by a non-cash foreign exchange gain of approximately \$1 million as a result of the decline in the value of the Guyana dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar. However, earnings and operating income for the year ended December 31, 2004 were also positively impacted by approximately \$1.7 million (\$0.6 million in the fourth quarter) of net settlements of past due amounts owed to GT&T by large international carriers.

**Wireless Revenue.** Wireless revenue more than tripled during the fourth quarter of 2005 to \$11.8 million from \$3.7 million. For the year ended December 31, 2005, wireless revenue increased \$11.9 million, or 84%, to \$26.0 million from \$14.1 million. A substantial portion of the increase for both the quarter and the year reflects the addition of Commnet. Commnet generated \$7.4 million of wireless revenue during the fourth quarter and contributed a total of \$8.9 million to annual wireless revenue from the date of acquisition. Excluding Commnet, the increase in wireless revenue for both the quarter and the year was primarily attributable to an increase in wireless revenue at GT&T generated by the continued growth of its wireless subscriber base. GT&T's wireless subscribers increased from 151,000 at December 31, 2004 to 228,000 at the end of 2005. Over 100,000 of GT&T's cellular subscribers as of December 31, 2005 are GSM subscribers.

**Local Telephone and Data Revenue.** Local telephone and data revenue totaled \$7.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, a 14% increase from revenue of \$6.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. For the year ended December 31, 2005, local telephone and data revenue increased to \$27.9 million from \$25.6 million during 2004, an increase of \$2.3 million, or 9%. The increase primarily reflects growth at Choice Communications. Choice continued to experience strong growth in its wireless broadband subscribers, offset in part by the attrition of its dial-up internet subscriber base. The growth in Choice's broadband revenue reflects the increased popularity of ClearChoice, its wireless broadband service launched in July 2005.

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**International Long Distance Revenue.** International long distance revenue was \$11.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, a decline of 7% compared to revenue of \$12.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004. For the year ended December 31, 2005, international long distance revenue was \$45.4 million as compared to \$46.9 million, a decrease of \$1.5 million or 3%. However, revenue for the 2004 fiscal year and fourth quarter

included previously disclosed amounts of \$1.7 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, received as settlement of past due amounts owed to GT&T by several large international carriers. Excluding those amounts received in settlement for prior periods, international long distance revenue would have been essentially flat for the 2005 periods when compared to 2004 despite the expansion of GT&T's access lines and cellular subscribers. Management believes that this stems from the negative impact of various forms of bypass and a lower average price per minute on terminated traffic. In addition to the increase in cellular subscribers noted above, GT&T's access lines increased to 113,000 from 103,000 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, an increase of 10%, as management continued to bring new areas into service.

**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 increased by \$6.0 million, or 43%, as compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2004. For the year ended December 31, 2005, operating expenses increased to \$65.3 million from \$54.7 million, an increase of \$10.6 million or 19.4%. A substantial portion of the quarterly and annual increases in operating expenses is attributable to the acquisition of Commnet, which increased consolidated operating expenses by \$5.5 million and \$6.5 million for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005, respectively.

Termination and access fees, which include long distance expenses and bandwidth and circuit costs, increased to \$3.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2005 from \$1.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2004. Of this \$3.5 million expense, \$3.0 million relates to Commnet. Outside of Commnet, the reduction in these expenses is due primarily to cost reductions at GT&T and Choice. For the year ended December 31, 2005, termination and access fees increased to \$7.9 million from \$5.6 million, largely due to the same factors. The increases in both the quarterly and annual engineering and operations expenses are primarily the result of increased costs associated with operating a larger network at GT&T, as well as higher cellular license fees and fuel and power costs.

Sales and marketing expenses increased by approximately \$0.1 million or 8% for the 2005 quarter and \$1.4 million or 27% for the year, primarily reflecting more aggressive marketing and sales initiatives at GT&T, including promotions, dealer incentives and GSM handset subsidies in connection with head-on

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competition for GSM market share in Guyana. Both GT&T and its main competitor launched GSM services in the fourth quarter of 2004. Depreciation and amortization expense rose by \$1.5 million, or 44%, quarter over quarter and \$2.4 million, or 16%, year over year, primarily reflecting the addition of Commnet and, to a lesser extent, increases at GT&T and the parent company as a result of new network assets, particularly wireless equipment and sites, placed into service.

As a result of the factors noted above, the Company's operating income increased by \$2.2 million, or 24%, to \$11.3 million for the quarter and \$2.5 million, or 7%, to \$37.0 million for the year.

**Other Income and Expenses.** During 2005, the Company recorded a \$2.1 million reserve against its investment in the form of a convertible note in Bridge International Communications, Inc., a VoIP based network service provider. Bridge has had difficulty closing contracts for its primary business line of managed network services. During 2004, the Company recorded a \$1.2 million charge relating to the curtailment of its Guyana-based call center business and a \$1.6 million impairment charge relating to certain Choice intangible assets. Interest expense increased during both the quarter and year ending December 31, 2005, primarily as a result of borrowings under the Company's new credit facility to finance the acquisition of Commnet in September 2005. Also included in other income are management fees received from Bermuda Digital Communications (BDC); these fees totaled \$1.2 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The year ended December 31, 2004 also includes a foreign exchange gain of approximately \$1 million as a result of the decline in the value of the Guyana dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar in the first quarter of 2004.

**Bermuda Digital Communications.** Equity in the earnings of BDC was \$0.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005, an increase of 14% over the three months ended December 31, 2004. Equity in the earnings of BDC also increased by 14% for the full year. The increase in earnings primarily reflects higher airtime revenues, a 13% increase in subscribers and a similar increase in roaming revenue, offset in part by an increase in operating expense as the organization has expanded to serve a larger subscriber base. The increased subscriber levels include a number of new data customers using BDC's EV-DO network to obtain high-speed mobile data services. The growth in data subscribers and revenue in 2005 was tempered by a regulatory action in the fourth quarter that forced BDC to shut down a wireless data modem service launched earlier in the year. BDC has appealed this decision.

Michael T. Prior, Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc., said: "Overall, 2005 was a strong year for our primary operating units and for execution of our strategic plan. We experienced

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strong growth in operating income and earnings for both the quarter and the year and we were pleased that Commnet was a big part of that growth. We made great strides strategically with the Commnet acquisition and, in connection with that transaction, we were glad to be able to make better use of our balance sheet and use relatively low cost debt to help grow our revenue and earnings base. This strategic success was tempered somewhat by the impairment of our investment in Bridge Communications. But, on the whole, 2005 was a good year for us. GT&T was able to deliver modest growth in revenue and profits thanks to continued growth in both wireless and wireline subscribers although the growth rate certainly has slowed from previous years. Commnet had the positive effect on our operating income and earnings that we expected, and we hope to see that impact continue in 2006, joined by our latest acquisition, SoVerNet. BDC continued its impressive record of subscriber and profit gains in an increasingly competitive marketplace."

Prior added: "We also benefited from our decisions in late 2004 to eliminate some of our smaller, under-performing businesses. In that respect, we made some significant strides in the fourth quarter towards reducing losses at our Choice unit and we are going to work hard to try to continue that trend in 2006. While we will face some new challenges in 2006, including execution of our growth plans for Commnet and SoVerNet and the potential for increased competition in the wireless markets of Guyana and Bermuda, we think we have the opportunity to continue the trend of the fourth quarter and generate solid growth in revenue and operating income again this year."

### **About Atlantic Tele-Network**

Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (AMEX:ANK) is a telecommunications company with corporate offices in Salem, Massachusetts and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Its principal subsidiaries include: Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company, Limited, which is the national telephone service provider in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for all local, long-distance and international service, as well as the largest cellular service provider; Commnet Wireless, LLC, which provides voice and data wireless roaming services for U.S. and International carriers in rural areas throughout the United States; SoVerNet, Inc., which provides wireline voice and data services to businesses and homes across Vermont; and Choice Communications, LLC, which provides wireless television and wireless broadband services, as well as dial-up internet services in the United States Virgin Islands. ATN also owns 44% of Bermuda Digital Communications Ltd., which, under the Cellular One name, is the largest provider of cellular voice and data services in Bermuda.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act: This news release contains forward-looking statements relating to, among other matters, the future financial performance and results of operations of ATN, management's plans, strategy for the future and market conditions. These forward-looking statements are based on estimates, projections, beliefs, and assumptions and are not guarantees of future events or results. Actual future events and results could differ materially from these statements as a result of many factors, including matters discussed in the Company's Form 10-K annual report for the year ended December 31, 2004, which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as major competitive developments, developments arising in connection with the integration of acquired companies, material changes in the communications industry or regulation or changes in communications technology. ATN undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors that may affect such forward-looking statements.

#### **Table to Follow**

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# ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK, INC. Statements of Operations

# For the Three and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

		Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	_	2005		2004		2005		2004	
Wireless	\$	11,786	\$	3,672	\$	25,964	\$	14,093	
International Long Distance	Ф	11,766	Ф	12,231	Ф	45,439	Ф	46,861	
Local Telephone and Data		7,357		6,498		27,926		25,630	
Other Revenue		7,337		751		2,952		2,581	
Other Revenue		790		/31		2,932		2,301	
Total revenue		31,381		23,152		102,281		89,165	
Termination and Access Fees		3,535		1,247		7,941		5,599	
Internet and Programming		678		558		2,601		2,362	
Engineering and Operations		4,262		3,631		15,136		11,755	
Sales, Marketing and Customer Services		1,772		1,639		6,457		5,093	
General and Administrative		4,844		3,580		15,624		15,150	
Depreciation and Amortization		4,886		3,427		17,110		14,730	
Non-cash stock based compensation		119				420			
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Operating Expenses		20,096		14,082		65,289		54,689	
Operating Income		11,285		9,070		36,992		34,476	
Interest income (expense), net		(865)		116		(688)		305	
Other income/expense		(1,774)		(3,147)		(630)		(1,833)	
Other Expense, net		(2,639)		(3,031)		(1,318)		(1,528)	
Income Before Taxes		8,646		6,039		35,674		32,948	
Income taxes		5,159		3,620		20,801		19,486	
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Income Before Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Investments and Minority Interests		3,487		2,419		14,873		13,462	
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Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Investments		763		550		3,043		2,569	
Minority Interests	<u> </u>	(1,354)		(1,017)	_	(4,318)		(3,914)	
Net income	\$	2,896	\$	1,952	\$	13,598	\$	12,117	
Net income per share									
Basic	¢	0.58	\$	0.39	¢	2.73	¢	2.41	
	\$				<u>\$</u> \$		\$		
Diluted	\$	0.58	\$	0.39	<u>\$</u>	2.72	\$	2.41	
Weighted average common stock outstanding:									
Basic		4,974		5,023		4,986		5,025	
Diluted		4,992		5,023		4,995		5,025	