

SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549
FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the month of March, 2009
Shaw Communications Inc.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: March 2, 2009
Shaw Communications Inc.

By: /s/ Steve Wilson
Steve Wilson
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

RECONCILIATION OF CANADIAN GAAP TO UNITED STATES GAAP

The Company means Shaw Communications Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The unaudited interim Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company are prepared in Canadian dollars in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This reconciliation of Canadian GAAP to US GAAP should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the three months ended November 30, 2008 and the annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2008. The following adjustments and disclosures would be required in order to present the unaudited interim Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with US GAAP.

(a) Reconciliation to US GAAP

| | Three months ended November 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Net income using Canadian GAAP | 123,077 | 112,223 |
| Add (deduct) adjustments for: | | |
| Deferred charges and credits (2) | (4,691) | (6,649) |
| Capitalized interest (8) | 777 | 960 |
| Income taxes | 1,013 | 2,005 |
| Net income and comprehensive income using US GAAP | 120,176 | 108,539 |

Earnings per share using US GAAP

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| Basic and diluted | 0.28 | 0.25 |
|-------------------|-------------|------|

Consolidated Balance Sheet items using US GAAP

| | November 30, 2008 | | August 31, 2008 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Canadian GAAP | US GAAP | Canadian GAAP | US GAAP |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Property, plant and equipment (8) | 2,671,655 | 2,678,809 | 2,616,500 | 2,622,877 |
| Deferred charges (2) (6) | 282,101 | 177,872 | 274,666 | 175,818 |
| Broadcast rights (1) (3) (4) (5) | 4,776,114 | 4,750,880 | 4,776,078 | 4,750,844 |
| Long-term debt (2) | 2,971,246 | 2,995,147 | 2,706,534 | 2,731,404 |
| Other long-term liability (7) | 85,425 | 189,860 | 78,912 | 183,347 |
| Deferred credits (2) (6) | 687,896 | 685,687 | 687,836 | 685,349 |
| Future income taxes | 1,299,743 | 1,232,471 | 1,281,826 | 1,215,566 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | | |
| Share capital | 2,063,272 | 2,063,272 | 2,063,431 | 2,063,431 |
| Contributed surplus | 26,366 | 26,366 | 23,027 | 23,027 |
| Retained earnings | 238,899 | 130,759 | 226,408 | 121,169 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (32,416) | (105,440) | (57,674) | (130,698) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 2,296,121 | 2,114,957 | 2,255,192 | 2,076,929 |

The cumulative effect of these adjustments on consolidated shareholders' equity is as follows:

| | November 30, 2008 | August 31, 2008 |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Shareholders' equity using Canadian GAAP | 2,296,121 | 2,255,192 |
| Amortization of intangible assets (1) | (130,208) | (130,208) |
| Deferred charges and credits (2) | (23,466) | (19,989) |
| Equity in loss of investees (3) | (35,710) | (35,710) |
| Gain on sale of subsidiary (4) | 16,052 | 16,052 |
| Gain on sale of cable systems (5) | 50,063 | 50,063 |
| Capitalized interest (8) | 5,199 | 4,623 |
| Income taxes (9) | 9,930 | 9,930 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (7) | (73,024) | (73,024) |
| Shareholders' equity using US GAAP | 2,114,957 | 2,076,929 |

Areas of material difference between Canadian and US GAAP and their impact on the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

- (1) Prior to September 1, 2001, amortization of broadcast rights was required on a straight-line basis for US GAAP instead of an increasing charge method.
- (2) The excess of equipment costs over equipment revenues are deferred and amortized under Canadian GAAP. Under US GAAP, these costs are expensed as incurred.

For US GAAP, transaction amounts associated with the issuance of debt securities and fair value adjustments on debt assumed in business acquisitions are deferred and amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the period to maturity of the related debt. Under Canadian GAAP, such amounts are recorded as part of the principal balance of debt and amortized to income using the effective interest rate method.

- (3) Equity in loss of investees has been adjusted to reflect US GAAP.
- (4) Gain on sale of subsidiary that was not permitted to be recognized under Canadian GAAP was required to be recognized under US GAAP.
- (5) Gain on sale of cable systems was required to be recorded under US GAAP but was not permitted to be recorded under Canadian GAAP.
- (6) Subscriber connection fee revenue and related costs are deferred and amortized under Canadian GAAP. Under US GAAP, connection revenues are recognized immediately to the extent of related costs, with any excess deferred and amortized.
- (7) Under US GAAP, the Company is required to recognize the funded status of the non-contributory defined benefit pension plan on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and to recognize changes in the funded status in other comprehensive income (loss). Under Canadian GAAP, the over or under funded status of defined benefit plans is not recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (8) Under US GAAP, interest costs are capitalized as part of the historical cost of acquiring certain qualifying assets. Interest capitalization is not required under Canadian GAAP.

- (9) Income taxes reflect the impact of future income tax rate reductions on the differences identified above, an adjustment for the tax benefit related to capital losses that cannot be recognized for US GAAP and the impact of adoption of FIN 48.
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(b) Adoption of recent accounting pronouncement

Effective September 1, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS No. 157 Fair Value Measurements. This statement provides a common definition of fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. Accordingly, this Statement does not require any new fair value measurements.

SFAS 157 includes a fair value hierarchy that is intended to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon their own market assumptions.

The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

- Level 1 Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and market-corroborated inputs which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Inputs are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable.

The following table represents the Company's derivative liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of November 30, 2008 and the basis for that measurement:

| | Carrying value | Fair value measurements at reporting date using | | |
|--|----------------|---|---|---|
| | | Quoted prices in active markets for identical asset (Level 1) | Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) |
| Cross-currency interest rate exchange agreements | 328,297 | | 328,297 | |
| US currency purchase and purchase option contracts | 2,789 | | 2,789 | |
| | 331,086 | | 331,086 | |