

CITIZENS INC
Form 10-Q/A
November 13, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q/A
Amendment No. 1

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-16509

CITIZENS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Colorado

84-0755371

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2900 Esperanza Crossing, Austin, Tx
(Address of principal executive offices)

78758

(Zip Code)

(512) 837-7100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

400 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Tx 78752

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company 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.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). " Yes x No

As of May 5, 2017, the Registrant had 49,080,114 shares of Class A common stock, no par value, outstanding and 1,001,714 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Citizens, Inc. (the “Company”) is filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-Q/A (this “Amendment”) to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2017, which was originally filed on May 9, 2017 (the “Original Filing”), to amend and restate Item 4 of Part I, “Controls and Procedures.” In the Original Filing, management concluded, based on its evaluation at the time, that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective, due to the breadth of the Company’s controls and their overall effectiveness in accumulating and communicating information required to be disclosed in the Company’s reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). During its most recent evaluation of disclosure controls, however, management re-evaluated those conclusions and concluded that, in light of the unremediated material weaknesses disclosed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2017 were not effective.

In accordance with Rule 12b-15 under the Exchange Act, this Amendment also amends Part II, Item 6 of the Original Filing to include currently dated certifications from the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Except for the amendments described above, this Amendment does not amend or otherwise update any other information in the Original Filing. This Amendment is not intended to, nor does it, reflect events occurring after the Original Filing, and does not modify or update the disclosures therein in any way other than as required to reflect the changes described above. Information not affected by this Amendment remains unchanged. This Amendment should be read in conjunction with any documents incorporated by reference herein and the Company's other SEC filings subsequent to the Original Filing

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CITIZENS, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

March 31, 2017

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act as of March 31, 2017. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective due to the material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting that were reported in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 (“2016 Annual Report”), which remain unremediated as of March 31, 2017.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, there were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act). The Company is in the process of remediating the material weaknesses identified in our 2016 Annual Report.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number The following exhibits are filed herewith:

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*

32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*

* Filed herewith.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey M. Kolander
Geoffrey M. Kolander
President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Kay E. Osbourn
Kay E. Osbourn
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
and Chief Investment Officer

Date: November 13, 2017