## 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): September 9, 2019

# **TEGNA INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 1-6961 (Commission File Number) 16-0442930 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

22102-5151

(Zip Code)

(703) 873-6600

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(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):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

8350 Broad Street Suite 2000 Tysons, Virginia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Dere-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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock	TGNA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

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.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release of TEGNA Inc., dated September 9, 2019, announcing a private offering of debt securities.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit	
No.	Description
No. 99.1	Press Release of TEGNA Inc., dated September 9, 2019.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the Cover Page Interactive Data File is embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### 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.

#### TEGNA INC.

By: /s/ Akin S. Harrison

Akin S. Harrison Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: September 9, 2019

# TEGNA

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 9, 2019

#### **TEGNA Announces Offering of Senior Notes**

TYSONS, VA – TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) (the "Company") announced today that it intends to offer \$900 million of senior notes due 2029 in a private offering to persons reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act, subject to market and other conditions. The notes will be guaranteed on a senior basis by certain subsidiaries of the Company.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds to repay approximately \$320 million of its unsecured notes bearing fixed rate interest at 5.125% due October 2019, approximately \$290 million of its unsecured notes bearing fixed rate interest at 5.125% due July 2020 and borrowings under its revolving credit agreement.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the notes or any other securities. The notes and the related guarantees have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

Certain statements in this press release may be forward looking in nature or "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are subject to a number of risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual performance to differ materially from these forward-looking statements. A number of those risks, trends and uncertainties are discussed in the Company's SEC reports, including the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statements in this press release should be evaluated in light of these important risk factors.

TEGNA is not responsible for updating the information contained in this press release beyond the published date, or for changes made to this press release by wire services, Internet service providers or other media.

#### About TEGNA

TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) is an innovative media company that serves the greater good of our communities. Across platforms, TEGNA tells empowering stories, conducts impactful investigations and delivers innovative marketing solutions. With 51 television stations and four radio stations in 43 markets, TEGNA is the largest owner of top 4 affiliates in the top 25 markets, reaching over 35 percent of all television households nationwide. TEGNA also owns leading multicast networks Justice Network and Quest. TEGNA Marketing Solutions (TMS) offers innovative solutions to help businesses reach consumers across television, email, social and over-the-top (OTT) platforms, including Premion, TEGNA's OTT advertising service.

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