
**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): July 6, 2006

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-14195
(Commission File Number)

65-0723837
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**116 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 375-7500
(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):

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Election of Director.

On July 6, 2006, American Tower Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had elected David E. Sharbutt as a member of the Board, effective July 6, 2006. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. Sharbutt most recently served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Alamosa Holdings, Inc., a provider of wireless personal communications services, which was acquired by Sprint Nextel Corporation in February 2006. Mr. Sharbutt had been Alamosa’s Chairman and a director since Alamosa was founded in July 1998 and was named Chief Executive Officer of Alamosa in October 1999. Mr. Sharbutt was formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hicks & Ragland Engineering Co., an engineering consulting company, now known as CHR Solutions. While at CHR Solutions, Mr. Sharbutt worked with independent telephone companies in developing strategic, engineering and implementation plans for various types of telecommunications services.

In accordance with the Company’s By-Laws, Mr. Sharbutt will serve as a director until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until his successor is elected and qualified. Mr. Sharbutt has not yet been appointed to any standing committees of the Board. The Company will file an amendment to this Form 8-K to disclose this information after any such appointment is made.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release, dated July 6, 2006. (Furnished herewith).

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.

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: July 6, 2006

By: /s/ **BRADLEY E. SINGER**
Bradley E. Singer
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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**AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ELECTION
OF DAVID E. SHARBUTT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Boston, Massachusetts – July 6, 2006 – American Tower Corporation (NYSE: AMT) today announced that its Board of Directors has elected David E. Sharbutt as a member of the Board, effective July 6, 2006. Mr. Sharbutt most recently served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Alamosa Holdings, Inc., a provider of wireless personal communications services, which was acquired by Sprint Nextel Corporation in February 2006. Mr. Sharbutt had been Alamosa’s Chairman and a director since Alamosa was founded in July 1998 and Alamosa’s Chief Executive Officer since October 1999.

Mr. Sharbutt brings over 30 years of telecommunications industry experience to the Board. Prior to joining Alamosa, Mr. Sharbutt was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hicks & Ragland Engineering Co., an engineering consulting company, now known as CHR Solutions. While at CHR Solutions, Mr. Sharbutt worked with independent telephone companies in developing strategic, engineering and implementation plans for various types of telecommunications services.

“We are extremely pleased to have David join our Board of Directors,” said Jim Taiclet, American Tower’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “His significant experience as a business leader in the wireless industry will make him a valuable addition to our Board. We look forward to working closely with him to continue to advance the Company’s strategy and build long-term value for our stockholders.”

“American Tower has been making an important contribution to the wireless industry, enabling the deployment of higher quality wireless networks by providing a nationwide network of towers, rooftops, and in-building locations,” said Mr. Sharbutt. “I am excited to join the Board, and I look forward to contributing to the continued growth and success of the Company.”

American Tower is the leading independent owner, operator and developer of broadcast and wireless communications sites in North America. American Tower owns and operates over 22,000 sites in the United States, Mexico, and Brazil. Additionally, American Tower manages approximately 2,000 revenue producing rooftop and tower sites. For more information about American Tower, please visit www.americantower.com.

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