

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS PJSC  
Form 6-K  
December 13, 2017

## **FORM 6-K**

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Issuer**  
**December 13, 2017**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Commission file number: 333-12032**

## **Mobile TeleSystems PJSC**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Russian Federation**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**4, Marksistskaya Street  
Moscow 109147  
Russian Federation**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

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Ad-Hoc Notice

December 13, 2017

**Moscow, Russian Federation** MTS PJSC ( MTS or the Company NYSE: MBT; MOEX: MTSS), the leading telecommunications provider in Russia and the CIS, announces that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has lowered the Company's long-term corporate credit rating from BB+ to BB and placed it on CreditWatch with developing implications.

The change in MTS's rating was made following the downgrade of Sistema's PJSC (LSE: SSA, MOEX: AFKS) corporate rating from BB- to B+. Sistema is the parent company of MTS and owns an effective ownership stake of 50.004%. According to S&P policies, ratings on MTS cannot exceed those on Sistema by more than two notches.

Ratings on the Company's senior unsecured debt were downgraded from BB+ to BB.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services noted in the release that it maintained the assessment of MTS's standalone credit risk profile at BBB- supported by strong credit quality and operating performance.

Visit Standard & Poor's website to view the full release.

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Learn more about MTS. Visit the official blog of the Investor Relations Department at [www.mtsgsm.com/blog/](http://www.mtsgsm.com/blog/)

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Mobile TeleSystems PJSC ( MTS - NYSE:MBT; MOEX:MTSS), the leading telecommunications group in Russia and the CIS, provides a range of mobile and fixed-line communications services. We serve over 100 million mobile subscribers in Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Turkmenistan, and Belarus, and about 9 million customers of fixed-line services, including fixed voice, broadband internet, and pay-TV. To keep pace with evolving customer demand, MTS is redefining what telecommunications services are by offering innovative products beyond its core network-related businesses in various tech segments, including Big Data, financial and banking services, internet of things, OTT, cloud computing, systems integration and e-commerce. We leverage our market-leading retail network as a platform for customer services and sales of devices and accessories. For more information, please visit: [www.mtsgsm.com](http://www.mtsgsm.com).

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Some of the information in this press release may contain projections or other forward-looking statements regarding future events or the future financial performance of MTS, as defined in the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify forward looking statements by terms such as expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, intend, will, could, may or might, and such terms or other similar expressions. We wish to caution you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. We do not undertake or intend to update these statements to reflect events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We refer you to the documents MTS files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the Company's most recent Form 20-F. These documents contain and identify important factors, including those contained in the section captioned Risk Factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, the severity and duration of current economic and financial conditions,

including volatility in interest and exchange rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets; the impact of Russian, U.S. and other foreign government programs to restore liquidity and stimulate national and global economies, our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so, strategic actions, including acquisitions and dispositions and our success in integrating acquired businesses, potential fluctuations in quarterly results, our competitive environment, dependence on new service development and tariff structures, rapid technological and market change, acquisition strategy, risks associated with telecommunications infrastructure, governmental regulation of the telecommunications industries and other risks associated with operating in Russia and the CIS, volatility of stock price, financial risk management and future growth subject to risks.

**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.

**MOBILE TELESYSTEMS PJSC**

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| By: | /s/ Andrei Dubovskov |                  |
|     | Name:                | Andrei Dubovskov |
|     | Title:               | CEO              |

Date: **December 13, 2017**