

TELEFONICA S A  
Form 6-K  
September 28, 2011

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**FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the month of September, 2011  
Commission File Number: 001-09531  
Telefónica, S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Distrito C, Ronda de la Comunicación s/n,  
28050 Madrid, Spain  
3491-482 85 48**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

No

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**RAMIRO SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES**

*General Secretary and  
Secretary to the Board of Directors*

**TELEFÓNICA, S.A.**

TELEFÓNICA, S.A. as provided in article 82 of the Spanish Securities Act (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*), hereby reports the following

**SIGNIFICANT EVENT**

Yesterday, the credit rating agency Fitch Ratings published its decision to lower the long-term credit rating of Telefónica, S.A. from A- outlook negative to BBB+ outlook stable. At the same time, the rating agency's short-term credit rating remained at F-2.

Madrid, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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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.

**Telefónica, S.A.**

Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

By: /s/ Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies

Name: Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín  
García-Ovies

Title: General Secretary and Secretary to  
the  
Board of Directors