

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Amendment No. 5)

UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934\*

Saga Communications, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

786598300

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(CUSIP Number)

Peter C. Keefe  
Avenir Corporation  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 27, 2009

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box: [ ]

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
181,234

NUMBER  
OF SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
181,234

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON  
181,234

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES\* [ ]

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
4.95%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D ("Amendment") is being filed on behalf of Avenir Corporation ("Avenir"), a Virginia corporation and amends the amended Schedule 13D filed on August 6, 2007 on behalf of Avenir. This Amendment relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Saga Communications, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein to "Securities" or "Shares" are to such common stock of the Issuer.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Securities of the Issuer were primarily acquired on behalf of the investment advisory clients of Avenir under sole or shared discretionary authority granted Avenir. In addition, Avenir and/or its principal officers and employees purchased Shares in the Issuer for their personal accounts. The aggregate amount of funds used to purchase the Securities reported in this filing totaled approximately \$7,252,756. In addition, none of the proceeds used to purchase the Securities were expressly provided through borrowings, though certain accounts managed by Avenir may carry margin balances from time to time.

Item 5. Interest In Securities Of The Issuer

(a) The aggregate number and percentage of Securities to which this Schedule 13D relates is 181,234 shares of the common stock of the Issuer, constituting approximately 4.95% of the 3,664,848 shares outstanding.

(b) Avenir generally has the sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the Securities held for discretionary accounts of its investment clients, and may be granted the sole power to vote or direct the vote of such Securities; such powers may be retained by or shared with the respective clients for shared or non-discretionary accounts, for which Avenir generally makes recommendations with respect thereto.

(c) All purchase or sale transactions in the Securities during the past sixty days are set forth on Schedule I.

(d) The investment advisory clients of Avenir have the sole right to receive and, subject to notice, to withdraw the proceeds from the sale of the Securities, and the sole power to direct the receipt of dividends from any of the Securities held for their respective accounts. Such clients may also terminate the investment advisory agreements without penalty upon appropriate notice.

(e) Avenir ceased to be a beneficial owner of more than five percent of the shares outstanding on October 27, 2009.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The powers of disposition with respect to Securities owned by discretionary private accounts of Avenir are established in written investment advisory agreements between clients and Avenir, which are entered into in the normal and usual course of the business of Avenir as a registered investment advisor and which are generally applicable to all securities purchased for the benefit of each such discretionary private account. There are no special or different agreements relating to the Securities of the Issuer.

The written investment advisory agreements with clients do not contain provisions relating to borrowing of funds to finance the acquisition of the Securities, acquisition of control, transfer of securities, joint ventures, or any of the other transactions listed in the instructions to Item 7 of Schedule 13D other than voting of proxies. In connection with voting, Avenir may be allowed or directed to vote the proxies received by accounts classified as "discretionary" or "shared" accounts; such authority is generally retained by the clients for accounts classified as "non-discretionary".

Item 7. Material to be Filed as an Exhibit

1) Schedule I. Purchase and sale transactions within the past 60 days.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 3, 2010

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Date

/s/ Peter C. Keefe

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Signature

Peter C. Keefe, President

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Name/Title

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## SCHEDULE I

## PURCHASE ("by") AND SALE ("sl") TRANSACTIONS WITHIN PAST 60 DAYS

All purchases and sales listed below were normal, open-market transactions.

Transaction Type	Security	Date	Quantity	Total Price	Average Per Share
sl	Saga Communications Inc	8/28/2009	1410	\$19,856.51	\$14.08
sl	Saga Communications Inc	9/16/2009	750	\$10,642.23	\$14.19
sl	Saga Communications Inc	9/29/2009	300	\$3,891.89	\$12.97
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/01/2009	200	\$2,587.93	\$12.94
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/20/2009	675	\$9,422.75	\$13.96
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/21/2009	400	\$5,583.85	\$13.96
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/22/2009	621	\$8,669.99	\$13.96
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/23/2009	5379	\$73,181.56	\$13.61
sl	Saga Communications Inc	10/27/2009	2370	\$31,434.91	\$13.26

