

ECHELON CORP
Form SC TO-C
October 27, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 13e-4)

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Echelon Corporation

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

27874N105

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities Underlying Common Stock)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*
Not applicable*

Amount of Filing Fee
Not applicable*

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

On October 27, 2008, M. Kenneth Oshman, Chief Executive Officer of Echelon Corporation (the Company), sent an e-mail to employees of the Company (the E-mail) describing the Company's intention to commence an exchange program (the exchange program) pursuant to which certain holders of outstanding stock options and/or stock-settled stock appreciation rights, or SSARs, (the options and/or SSARs eligible for the exchange program are referred to herein as eligible awards) will be permitted to exchange their eligible awards for new SSARs to be granted under the Company's 2007 Stock Plan. The text of the E-mail is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The E-mail does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible awards to exchange the eligible awards.

The exchange program will be commenced at the time determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, which also may choose not to implement the exchange program. At the time the exchange program begins, if at all, the Company will provide holders of eligible awards with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the exchange program. If you are eligible to participate in the exchange program, you should read these written materials carefully when they become available because these materials will contain important information about the exchange program. The Company will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement upon the commencement of the Exchange. The Company's stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

| EXHIBIT NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
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| 99.1 | E-mail communication to Employees from M. Kenneth Oshman, Chief Executive Officer |