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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): November 23, 2026

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	001-14195	65-0723837
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

222 Berkeley Street
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):

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, $0.01 par value	AMT	New York Stock Exchange
0.450% Senior Notes due 2027	AMT 27C	New York Stock Exchange
0.400% Senior Notes due 2027	AMT 27D	New York Stock Exchange
4.125% Senior Notes due 2027	AMT 27F	New York Stock Exchange
0.500% Senior Notes due 2028	AMT 28A	New York Stock Exchange
0.875% Senior Notes due 2029	AMT 29B	New York Stock Exchange
0.950% Senior Notes due 2030	AMT 30C	New York Stock Exchange
3.900% Senior Notes due 2030	AMT 30D	New York Stock Exchange
4.625% Senior Notes due 2031	AMT 31B	New York Stock Exchange
1.000% Senior Notes due 2032	AMT 32	New York Stock Exchange
3.625% Senior Notes due 2032	AMT 32B	New York Stock Exchange
1.250% Senior Notes due 2033	AMT 33	New York Stock Exchange
4.000% Senior Notes due 2033	AMT 33D	New York Stock Exchange
4.100% Senior Notes due 2034	AMT 34A	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.☐

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 23, 2026, American Tower Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that it has reached a proposed settlement of claims against DISH Wireless L.L.C. and affiliated debtors ("DISH Wireless") and EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar") in connection with ongoing litigation in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, the Company is expected to receive a $525 million cash payment, on or before December 31, 2026, from a trust that was established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC Trust") as a condition for government approval of certain recent spectrum sale transactions by EchoStar. If payment is not received on or before December 31, 2026, the amount will accrue interest until paid.

The settlement is subject to the execution of a definitive settlement agreement, approval by the Bankruptcy Court and modification to existing FCC Trust procedures. If any of the foregoing conditions are not met, the Company's litigation against DISH Wireless and EchoStar may continue.

A copy of the Press Release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Language Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This current report on Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" concerning the Company's goals, beliefs, expectations, strategies, objectives, plans, future operating results and underlying assumptions and other statements that are not necessarily based on historical facts. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated in the Company's forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the ability to agree to the terms of, and the timing to enter into, definitive documents regarding the settlement, the ability to obtain Bankruptcy Court approval of the settlement, the timing of receipt of any payments pursuant to the settlement, and the ability to obtain the necessary modification to the FCC Trust procedures on the anticipated timeline or at all, as well as those factors set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of its most recent annual report on Form 10-K, and other risks described in documents the Company subsequently files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the information contained in this current report on Form 8-K to reflect subsequently occurring events or circumstances.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated November 23, 2026.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURE

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: November 23, 2026

By: /s/ Rodney M. Smith
Rodney M. Smith
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Exhibit 99.1



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American Tower Announces Proposed Settlement of DISH/EchoStar Litigation

Boston, Massachusetts - November 23, 2026 - American Tower Corporation (NYSE: AMT) today announced that it has reached a proposed settlement of claims against DISH Wireless L.L.C. and affiliated debtors ("DISH Wireless") and EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar") in connection with ongoing litigation in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas ("Bankruptcy Court") and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

Under the terms of the proposed settlement, American Tower is expected to receive a $525 million cash payment, on or before December 31, 2026, from a trust that was established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC Trust") as a condition for government approval of certain recent spectrum sale transactions by EchoStar. If payment is not received on or before December 31, 2026, the amount will accrue interest until paid.

The settlement is subject to the execution of a definitive settlement agreement, approval by the Bankruptcy Court, and modification to existing FCC Trust procedures. If any of the foregoing conditions are not met, American Tower's litigation against DISH Wireless and EchoStar may continue.

The settlement proceeds would further enhance American Tower's financial flexibility and are expected to be used for general corporate purposes, including debt reduction, share repurchases, and potential mergers and acquisitions, consistent with American Tower's disciplined approach to capital allocation.

"We are pleased to have reached a resolution that can deliver meaningful value to American Tower and its shareholders," said Steve Vondran, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Tower. "With this proposed settlement in place, we remain focused on executing against our strategic priorities, strengthening our balance sheet, and allocating capital to its highest-return opportunities. As we look beyond 2026, we believe American Tower is well positioned for accelerating organic revenue growth and AFFO per Share growth, supported by the durable demand for our communications infrastructure, disciplined capital allocation, and the strength of our global portfolio."

About American Tower

American Tower, one of the largest global REITs, is a leading independent owner, operator and developer of multitenant communications real estate with a portfolio of over 147,000 communications sites and a highly interconnected footprint of U.S. data center facilities. For more information about American Tower, please visit www.americantower.com.

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anticipated timeline or at all, as well as those factors set forth under the caption “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of its most recent annual report on Form 10-K, and other risks described in documents the Company subsequently files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the information contained in this press release to reflect subsequently occurring events or circumstances.

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