

TELUS CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 40-F

**☐ REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

OR

**☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(a) OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

Commission File Number 000-24876

TELUS Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number (if applicable))

**7th Floor 510 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 0M3, Canada
(604) 697-8044**

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Avenue, 13th Floor
New York, New York 10011**

(212) 590-9200

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent
for service in the United States)

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:

☒ Annual information form ☒ Audited annual financial statements

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Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of December 31, 2015:

594,557,255 Common Shares

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ X

No ☐ O

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☐ O

No ☐ O

The annual report on Form 40-F shall be incorporated by reference into or as an exhibit to, as applicable, each of the following of the Registrant's Registration Statements under the Act: Form S-8 (File No. 333-181463), Form F-3 (File No. 333-186874), and Form F-10 (File No. 333-199916).

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CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on the evaluation by TELUS Corporation (TELUS or the Registrant) as of December 31, 2015 of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision of the Audit Committee, including the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) are effective to a reasonable level of assurance to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's (the SEC) rules and forms.

It should be noted that while TELUS' Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe that TELUS' disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance that they are effective, they do not expect that TELUS' disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The report of management on our internal control over financial reporting is located under the heading Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in our audited consolidated financial statements, which are filed as Exhibit 99.4 to this annual report on Form 40-F, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Attestation Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The attestation report on our internal control over financial reporting is located under the heading Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in our audited consolidated financial statements, which are filed as Exhibit 99.4 to this annual report on Form 40-F, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

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There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the above evaluation that occurred during the period covered by this annual report on Form 40-F that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

TELUS has a separately designated standing Audit Committee. The current members of the Audit Committee are Bill MacKinnon (Chair), Dick Auchinleck, Raymond Chan, Lisa de Wilde, Rusty Goepel, Mary Jo Haddad and Sabi Marwah. All members of the Audit Committee are independent as such term is defined under applicable securities laws and applicable New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) rules.

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The Board of Directors (the Board) of TELUS has determined that Bill MacKinnon, the Audit Committee Chair, is an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined by U.S. securities laws and independent as noted above. The information contained under the heading Audit Committee on page 38 of TELUS year-end 2015 Annual Information Form, filed as Exhibit 99.3 to this annual report on Form 40-F, is incorporated by reference herein.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Registrant has adopted a Code of Ethics and Conduct that applies to all directors, officers, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, and employees. The Code of Ethics and Conduct has been posted on the Registrant's Internet website at about.telus.com. The Code is also available to any person, upon request, without charge by contacting TELUS Investor Relations by telephone at 1-800-667-4871 or by mail at 768 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3K9.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table is a summary of billing by Deloitte LLP, as external auditor of TELUS (the External Auditor), during the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (all amounts are in Canadian dollars):

Type of work	Deloitte LLP	%
Audit fees(1)	\$ 3,844,128	88.6
Audit-related fees(2)	\$ 140,463	3.2
Tax fees(3)	\$ 102,562	2.4
All other fees(4)	\$ 253,724	5.8
Total	\$ 4,340,877	100.0

(1) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor in relation to the audit and review of our financial statements and in connection with our statutory and regulatory filings.

(2) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor in relation to the audit or review of our financial statements that were not part of audit fees.

(3) Relates to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(4) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor that are not in relation to the audit or review of our financial statements, such as sustainability diagnostics procedures and the community investment impact measurement.

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The following table is a summary of billing by the External Auditor, during the period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 (all amounts are in Canadian dollars):

Type of work	Deloitte LLP	%
Audit fees(1)	\$ 4,039,975	87.1
Audit-related fees(2)	\$ 135,067	2.9
Tax fees(3)	\$ 385,499	8.3
All other fees(4)	\$ 78,288	1.7
Total	\$ 4,638,829	100.0

(1) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor in relation to the audit and review of our financial statements and in connection with our statutory and regulatory filings.

(2) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor in relation to the audit or review of our financial statements that were not part of audit fees.

(3) Relates to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(4) Includes fees for services rendered by the External Auditor that are not in relation to the audit or review of our financial statements, such as sustainability diagnostics procedures.

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All requests for non-prohibited audit, audit related and non-audit services provided by the External Auditor and its affiliates to TELUS are required to be pre-approved by the Audit Committee of the Board. To enable this, TELUS has implemented a process by which all requests for services involving the External Auditor are routed for review by the VP Risk Management and Chief Internal Auditor to validate that the requested service is a non-prohibited service and to verify that there is a compelling business reason for the request. If the request passes this review, it is then forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer for further review. Pending the Chief Financial Officer's affirmation, the request is then presented to the Audit Committee for its review, evaluation and pre-approval or denial at its next scheduled quarterly meeting. If the timing of the request is urgent, it is provided to the Audit Committee Chair for his review, evaluation and pre-approval or denial on behalf of the Audit Committee (with the Audit Committee's review at the next scheduled quarterly meeting). Throughout the year, the Audit Committee monitors the actual versus approved expenditure for each of the approved requests.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Registrant has no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on the financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

TABULAR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The information provided under the heading "Contractual obligations" set forth on page 49 of the Management's Discussion and Analysis filed as Exhibit 99.4 to this annual report on Form 40-F, is incorporated by reference herein.

INTERACTIVE DATA FILE

The Registrant is not currently required to submit to the SEC, or post to its corporate website, an Interactive Data File.

MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FROM NYSE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE RULES

A summary of significant ways in which corporate governance practices followed by TELUS differ from the corporate governance practices required to be followed by U.S. domestic companies under the New York Stock Exchange's Listing Standards (disclosure required by section 303A.11 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual) is available on the Registrant's corporate governance website at http://about.telus.com/community/english/investor_relations/corporate_governance/corporate_governance_practices.

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UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

A. Undertaking

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the SEC staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the SEC staff, information relating to: the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F; the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

B. Consent to Service of Process

A Form F-X signed by the Registrant and its agent for service of process was previously filed with the SEC.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Registrant: TELUS Corporation

By: *Monique Mercier*
Monique Mercier
Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 10, 2016

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 40-F:

Exhibit Number	Document
99.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
99.2	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
99.3	Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2015, dated March 10, 2015
99.4	Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and Management's Discussion and Analysis
99.5	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
99.6	Amended 2016 Code of Ethics and Conduct