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Form 6-K  
August 18, 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 August, 2011**  
**Commission File Number: 001-09531**  
**Telefónica, S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Distrto 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**

On Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, the credit rating agency Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P's) 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, S&P's short-term credit rating remained at A-2.

Madrid, August 18<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: August 18<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