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Form SC 13D  
November 13, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

Iridium Communications

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value of \$0.001 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

46269C102

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(CUSIP Number)

Peter C. Keefe  
Avenir Corporation  
1775 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Suite 650  
Washington DC, 20006  
(202) 659-4427

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 12, 2013

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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: [X]

NOTE: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
	Avenir Corporation I.D. No. 54-1146619	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [ ] (b) [X]
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS*	
	00	
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
		4,031,645
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		4,031,645
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON	
	4,031,645	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* [ ]	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
	5.3%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
	IA	

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This Schedule 13D ("Schedule") is being filed on behalf of Avenir Corporation ("Avenir"), a Virginia corporation, and amends the Schedule 13G/A filed on March 8, 2013 on behalf of Avenir. This Schedule relates to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Iridium Communications Inc., 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 \$28,933,805. 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 4. Purpose of Transaction

Avenir acquired the shares for investment purposes.

### Item 5. Interest In Securities Of The Issuer

(a) The aggregate number and percentage of Securities to which this Schedule 13D relates is 4,031,645 shares of the common stock of the Issuer, constituting approximately 5.3% of the 76,660,401 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 for the past 60 days are on Schedule A.

(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) Not applicable

### 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

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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

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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.

November 12, 2013

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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 A

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PURCHASE ("BY") AND SALE ("SL") TRANSACTIONS, TRANSFER OUTS ("LO") AND TRANSFER INS ("LI") SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D

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

Transaction Type	Date	Quantity	Total Price	Average Per Share
LO	9/13/2013	42386	297549.72	7.02
SL	9/16/2013	500	3493.73	6.99
SL	9/20/2013	880	6110.08	6.94
SL	10/7/2013	380	2527.84	6.65
BY	10/8/2013	550	3657.25	6.65
LO	10/10/2013	2310	15107.40	6.54
LI	10/11/2013	2310	15407.70	6.67
SL	10/18/2013	3770	25304.54	6.71
BY	10/21/2013	3747	22739.90	6.07
BY	11/1/2013	9745	53262.32	5.47
LO	11/1/2013	9430	51440.65	5.46
SL	11/1/2013	2200	11923.79	5.42
BY	11/8/2013	1000	5498.00	5.50
SL	11/12/2013	2570	13903.70	5.41
BY	11/12/2013	49440	270787.82	5.48