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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)

**Distrito C, Ronda de la Comunicación s/n,
28050 Madrid, Spain
3491-482 85 48**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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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 11th, 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 18th, 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 18th, 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