

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO
RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September 2002

(Commission File No. 001-14487)

TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tele Norte Leste Holding Company

(Translation of registrant's name in English)

Rua Humberto de Campos, 425 - 8º andar

Rio de Janeiro, R.J.

Federative Republic of Brazil

(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.)

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by
furnishing the information contained in this form
is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

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.

TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Date: September 9, 2002

By

Name:	Alvaro A. C. dos Santos
Title:	Director of Investor Relations

TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

CNPJ/MF N° 02.558.134/0001-58

NIRE N° 53.300.005702

Publicly Traded Company

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

SUMMONS NOTICE

The Board of Directors of **TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.** calls the Company's shareholders for an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting on September 20, 2002, at 10:00 am at the Company's headquarters, at Rua Humberto de Campos, 425 (3rd floor), Leblon, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, RJ, to deliberate and vote on the items of the Agenda which include: (i) to alter the article 27 of the Company's Bylaws, which defines the composition of the Board of Executive Officers, which shall be composed of a minimum of two and a maximum of six members, being one President Director (CEO), two Superintendent Directors and three Directors with no specific designation; and (ii) to alter other articles of the Bylaws to reflect the changes specified above.

General Information

1. All powers of attorney to vote at the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting must be delivered to the attention of the Company's legal department at the Company's headquarters located in the city of Rio de Janeiro, RJ, at Rua Humberto de Campos, n° 425, 7th floor, Leblon, at least 2 (two) business days prior to the date of the Meeting.
2. Shareholders whose shares are registered with a custodial agent, who wish to vote their shares at the Extraordinary Meeting, must present a statement issued no later than 2 (two) days prior to the date of the Meeting by the custodial agent, indicating the amount of shares of the Company held by shareholders as of said date.

Rio de Janeiro, September 4th, 2002.

Fersen Lamas Lambranh

Chairman of the Board of Directors