AMC Networks Inc. Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2018

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 07)\*

AMC Networks Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

00164V103

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- x Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in 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).

<sup>\*</sup> 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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

CUSIP 00164V103 No. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) 1 Clearbridge Investments, LLC 01-0846058 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **Delaware Limited Liability Corporation** SOLE VOTING POWER 5 7,920,701 NUMBER OF SHARED VOTING POWER **SHARES** BENEFICIALLY 6 OWNED BY 0 **EACH REPORTING** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH: 7 8,121,128 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 0 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

8,121,128

| 10 | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) |
|----|---|
|    | 0   |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                                   |
|    | 16.12%  |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)   |
| 12 | IA  |
|    | FOOTNOTES   |
|    |   |

| Item 1.                  |                |                                     |   |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
|                          |                | (a)                                 | Name of Issuer<br>AMC Networks Inc.   |
|                          | (b)            |                                     | Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices 11 Penn Plaza New York, NY 10001              |
| Item 2.                  |                |                                     |   |
|                          |                | (a)                                 | Name of Person Filing<br>Clearbridge Investments, LLC   |
|                          | (b)            | Address                             | s of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence<br>620 8th Avenue<br>New York, NY 10018 |
|                          |                | (c)                                 | Citizenship<br>Delaware Limited Liability Company   |
|                          | (              | (d)                                 | Title of Class of Securities<br>Common Stock  |
|                          |                | (e)                                 | CUSIP Number<br>00164V103   |
| Item 3. If this state a: | ement is filed | l pursuant to §§2                   | 40.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is                        |
| (a)                      | o              | Broker or dea                       | aler registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).                                  |
| (b)                      | 0              | Bank                                | as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).                                     |
| (c)                      | o ]            | Insurance compar                    | ny as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).                                 |
| (d) o Investmen          | t company re   | egistered under so                  | ection 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).                              |
| (e)                      | X              | An inve                             | stment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);                                    |
| (f) o                    | An emplo       | yee benefit plan                    | or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);                                 |
| (g) o                    | A parent       | holding company                     | or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);                                |
| (h) o A saving           | s association  | s as defined in Se                  | ection 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);                            |
| •                        |                | uded from the de<br>of 1940 (15 U.S | efinition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the .C. 80a-3);                  |

| (j) | O | A non-U.S. institution in accordance | with | ı § 2 | 240.13d | -1(b)( | (1)(ii)(J) | ). |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|------|-------|---------|--------|------------|----|
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(k) o A group, in accordance with  $\$  240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with  $\$  240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

| Item 4.  |   | Ownership.  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1. |   |   |  |  |
|  | (a)   | Amount beneficially owned: 8,121,128  |  |  |
|  | (b)   | Percent of class: 16.12%  |  |  |
|  | (c)   | Number of shares as to which the person has:  |  |  |
|  | (i)   | Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 7,920,701   |  |  |
|  | (ii)  | Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0   |  |  |
|  | (iii)   | Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 8,121,128  |  |  |
|  | (iv)  | Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0  |  |  |
| Item 5.  |   | Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class  |  |  |
|  |   | report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the repercent of the class of securities, check the following o.             |  |  |
| N/A  |   |   |  |  |
| Item 6.  | Own   | ership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.   |  |  |
| Investment   |   | rBridge Aggressive Growth Fund an investment company registered under the and managed by ClearBridge Investments, LLC., amounted to 3,768,945 shares or ding. |  |  |
| Item 7.  | Identification and Country the Parent Holding | Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By Company   |  |  |
| N/A  |   |   |  |  |
| Item 8.  |   | Identification and Classification of Members of the Group   |  |  |
| N/A  |   |   |  |  |
| Item 9.  |   | Notice of Dissolution of Group  |  |  |
| N/A  |   |   |  |  |

Item Certification 10.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

#### **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.

### ClearBridge Investments, LLC

Date: February 14, 2018 By: /s/ Barbara Brooke Manning

Name: Barbara Brooke Manning Title: General Counsel & Chief

Compliance Officer

Footnotes:

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)