

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BARNES LEROY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3 HIGH RIDGE PARK
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/26/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

STAMFORD, CT 06905
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.45	05/26/2005	A	10,000					05/26/2005	05/25/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	05/26/2005	A	3,500					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARNES LEROY 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK STAMFORD, CT 06905	X			

Signatures

By: By L. Russell Mitten Under
Power-of-Attorney
Date: 05/27/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Pursuant to Reporting Person's election for securities to be granted to Leroy T. Barnes, Jr., Trustee, or his successor in trust, of the Leroy T. Barnes, Jr., Trust U/A/D 12/03/1997.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Units convert one for one share of common stock, or cash equivalent, upon the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (3) Units granted pursuant to the Formula Plan; units are to be settled after Reporting Person's retirement.

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