

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stratton John G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS
INC [VZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1095 AVENUE OF THE
AMERICAS

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/25/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP & President of Operations

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (unitized)	(1)	04/25/2016	I		34,512.492 (2)		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	9,850

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Stratton John G 1095 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	EVP & President of Operations

Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for John G.
Stratton

04/27/2016

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).
- Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of a portion of one share of common stock and is settled in cash. The shares of
- (1) phantom stock become payable upon events established by the reporting person in accordance with the deferred compensation plan. The reporting person had the right to transfer the value of these shares into an alternative investment under the deferred compensation plan.
 - (2) The sale of shares set forth herein is made pursuant to Mr. Stratton's sales plan under Rule 10b5-1(c).
 - (3) Includes phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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