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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Laura L. DiPreta
Three High Ridge Park
CT, Stamford 06905

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Citizens Communications Company (CZN)

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

12/6/2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

12/6/2002

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

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

Assistant Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person

() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Date | 3. Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | Amount | A/ D | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|---|--------|------|-------|--|
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | M | | 3683 | A | 7.75 | |
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | S | | 1200 | D | 9.47 | |
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | S | | 1000 | D | 9.55 | |
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | S | | 500 | D | 9.65 | |
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | S | | 500 | D | 9.75 | |
| Common Stock | 12/6/2002 | S | | 483 | D | 9.85 | 1311.35 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2124 |

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Put or Call |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|----------------|
| Employee Stock Option | 7.75 | 12/6/2002 | M | 3683 | D 11/22/2002-12/16/2002 | Common Stock | 3683 |
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Explanation of Responses:
 1. Or earlier in certain events.