McAdam Lowell C Form 4 February 23, 2010

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* McAdam Lowell C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS

(Check all applicable)

INC [VZ]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

02/19/2010

below) EVP and Pres. & CEO - VZW JV

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., 140 WEST STREET, 29TH **FLOOR** 

(Street)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10007

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative of Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title a Underly (Instr. 3
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock (unitized)	(1)	02/19/2010		A	5,165.217		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Comm
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	(3)	02/22/2010		F		24,035.646	02/22/2010	02/22/2010	Comm Stoc
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	(3)	02/22/2010		M		27,821.171	02/22/2010	02/22/2010	Comm Stoc

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McAdam Lowell C VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

EVP and Pres. & CEO - VZW JV

# **Signatures**

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for McAdam, Lowell C.

02/23/2010 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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### **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) 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 phantom stock become payable upon events established by the reporting person in accordance with the deferred compensation plan.
- (2) Includes phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents the right to receive a cash payment equal to the value of one share of common stock, plus accrued dividends, upon vesting on December 31, 2009, based on the closing sale price of common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the last trading day in December 2009. \*The Company also made a payment with respect to 104,994.249 performance stock

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units earned for the 2007-09 award cycle in accordance with their terms.

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