VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 4

March 22, 2010

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REED MARC C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC [VZ]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/19/2010

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10007

(Month/Day/Year)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

1.Title of Security

(Instr. 3)

(City)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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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(Instr. 4)

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. P Der Sec (Ins |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock (unitized) | (1) | 03/19/2010 | | A | 62.038 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 18 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

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Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Reed,
Marc C.

03/22/2010

**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) 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.

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