

Tauke Thomas J.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Tauke Thomas J.

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/26/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2012                           |  | M                              | 30,946 A \$ 34.15   | 37,903  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2012                           |  | M                              | 14,391 A \$ 33.64   | 52,294  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2012                           |  | S                              | 30,946 D \$ 40  | 21,348  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2012                           |  | S                              | 14,391 D \$ 40  | 6,957   | D  |  |

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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 (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 Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date                                   | Title |
| Stock Option Non-Qualified                 | \$ 34.15<br><u>(1)</u>                                 | 04/26/2011                           |  | M                              | 30,946  | 02/04/2005 02/03/2014                                    | Common Stock                                      |       |
| Stock Option Non-Qualified                 | \$ 33.64<br><u>(2)</u>                                 | 04/26/2012                           |  | M                              | 14,391  | 02/04/2005 02/03/2014                                    | Common Stock                                      |       |
| Phantom Stock (unitized)                   | <u>(3)</u>   | 04/27/2012                           |  | A                              | 75.16   | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                      |       |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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NEW YORK, NY 10007

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## Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Thomas J. Tauke

04/30/2012

\_\_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) In connection with (i) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic directories on November 17, 2006, and (ii) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic telephone lines on July 1, 2010, stock-based awards held by current and former Verizon employees, including these options, were adjusted pursuant to antidilution provisions of Verizon's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Prior to these adjustments, as of 5/1/2004, these options constituted the right to purchase 57,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$36.75.

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- In connection with (i) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic directories on November 17, 2006, and (ii) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic telephone lines on July 1, 2010, stock-based awards held by current and former Verizon employees, including these options, were adjusted pursuant to antidilution provisions of Verizon's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Prior to these adjustments, as of 6/30/2004, these options constituted the right to purchase 26,740 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$36.20.
- (2) 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.
  - (3) Includes phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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