

Lynch Richard J.  
Form 4  
February 23, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Lynch Richard 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)  
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS  
INC., 140 WEST STREET, 29TH  
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Technology Officer

(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  
Person

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)  (A) or (D)	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		Price

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 Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title Underlying (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock (unitized)	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2010		A		3,528.729		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Comm Stoc
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	<u>(3)</u>	02/22/2010		F		11,380.521		02/22/2010	02/22/2010	Comm Stoc
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	<u>(3)</u>	02/22/2010		M		16,705.663		02/22/2010	02/22/2010	Comm Stoc

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lynch Richard J. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10007			EVP & Chief Technology Officer	

## Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Lynch,  
Richard J. 02/23/2010

\_\_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.
- (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 56,882.446 performance stock

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

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