

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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See Instruction  
1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stratton John G2. 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., 1095 AVENUE OF THE  
AMERICAS3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2015☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)  
EVP & President of Operations

(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  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 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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(9-02)**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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. P<br>Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins |                                        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |    |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>(unitized)                      | (1)                                                                   | 08/27/2015                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 108.49                                                         |     | (1)                                                                 | (1)                | Common<br>Stock            | 31                                     | \$ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                      | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Stratton John G<br>VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.<br>1095 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 |               |           | EVP & President of Operations |       |

## Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for John G. Stratton

08/31/2015

                     \*\*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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