

Burson Richard D  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Burson Richard D		(Month/Day/Year)	CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
3 HIGH RIDGE PARK			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
STAMFORD,Â CTÂ 06905			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			Sr. Vice President	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	29,763.21 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/15/2006	Common Stock	1,311	\$ 6.67	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	09/25/2007	Common Stock	16,338	\$ 7.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	04/03/2008	Common Stock	12,042	\$ 6.67	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	03/23/2009	Common Stock	16,572	\$ 6.45	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	06/15/2010	Common Stock	29,075	\$ 14.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	05/16/2011	Common Stock	27,330	\$ 11.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (8)	05/15/2012	Common Stock	18,608	\$ 8.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (9)	05/27/2013	Common Stock	20,352	\$ 10.44	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burson Richard D 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK STAMFORD, CT 06905	Â	Â	Â Sr. Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: By L. Russell Mitten Under  
Power-of-Attorney

10/07/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents total number of shares acquired through 401(k) plan as reported by the plan administrator as of the transaction date.
- (2) Shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning 02/15/1997.
- (3) Shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 09/25/1998.
- (4) Shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 04/03/1999.
- (5) Shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 03/23/2000.
- (6) Shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning 06/15/2001.
- (7) Shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 05/17/2002.
- (8) Shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 05/16/2003.

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(9) Shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 05/28/2004.

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