

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
ELLIOTT JERRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3 HIGH RIDGE PARK
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

STAMFORD, CT 06905

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	03/22/2005		M		11,630	\$ 7.89	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S		2,000	\$ 12.45	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S		1,000	\$ 12.48	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S		2,000	\$ 12.51	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S		1,000	\$ 12.54	D	

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Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 12.57	367,082	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 12.59	366,082	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 12.69	365,082	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	165	D	\$ 12.79	364,917	D	
Common Stock						130.13 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k)

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.89	03/22/2005		M	11,630	⁽²⁾	02/29/2012	Common Stock	11,630

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIOTT JERRY 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK STAMFORD, CT 06905	X		EVP and CFO	

Signatures

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

03/23/2005

__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) 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 four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant.

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