

Tauke Thomas 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
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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)
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-Pub Aff., Policy and Comm

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (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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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 Underly (Instr. 3)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock (unitized)	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2010		A	3,585.811	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Comm Stoc
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	<u>(3)</u>	02/22/2010		F	15,137.223	02/22/2010 02/22/2010	Comm Stoc
Restricted Stock Units - 2007-09 Award Cycle	<u>(3)</u>	02/22/2010		M	19,375.377	02/22/2010 02/22/2010	Comm Stoc

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Tauke Thomas J. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10007	EVP-Pub Aff., Policy and Comm

Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Tauke,
Thomas 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 69,880.099 performance stock

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

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