

NATIONAL TELEPHONE CO OF VENEZUELA

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SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 15)***

COMPANIA ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA (CANTV)
(Name of Issuer)

NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VENEZUELA (CANTV)
(Translation of Name of Issuer into English)

CLASS D COMMON SHARES,

NOMINAL VALUE Bs. 36.90182224915 PER SHARE (the Class D Shares)

AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES EACH REPRESENTING

SEVEN CLASS D SHARES (the ADSs)

(Title of Class of Securities)

P3055Q103 (Class D Shares); 204421101 (ADSs)

(CUSIP Number)

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February 12, 2007

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. P3055Q103 (Class D Shares)
204429101 (ADSs)

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

1 Verizon Communications Inc.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

23-2259884

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2 (a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

Not applicable

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e):

5

None

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

State of Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

NUMBER OF Class D Shares: 28,009,177*
ADSs: 4,001,311

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER:

8

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY Class D Shares: None
ADSs: None

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:
REPORTING **9**

PERSON Class D Shares: 28,009,177*
ADSs: 4,001,311

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10
Class D Shares: None
ADSs: None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11
Class D Shares: 28,009,177*
ADSs: 4,001,311

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

Not applicable

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13
6.5%(the 4,001,311 ADSs represent 28,009,177 Class D Shares, which represent approximately 6.5% of the total Class D Shares outstanding).

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

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HC

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

1 GTE Corporation

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

13-1678633

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2
(a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4
Not applicable

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e):

5
None

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6
State of New York

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7
NUMBER OF Class D Shares: 28,009,177*
ADSs: 4,001,311

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER:

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

1 Verizon International Holdings Inc.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

06-1460807

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2 (a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

Not applicable

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e):

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None

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

State of Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

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1 GTE Venezuela S.a r.l.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Not applicable

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2
(a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4
Not applicable

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
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5
None

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6
Luxembourg

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7
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SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER:

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BENEFICIALLY

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1 GTE Venholdings B.V.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

98-0347727

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2 (a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

Not applicable

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e):

5

None

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

Netherlands

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

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SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER:

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Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13D

This is the fifteenth amendment (Amendment No. 15) to the Statement on Schedule 13D originally filed by GTE Corporation and GTE Venezuela Incorporated on December 9, 1996 and amended on December 18, 1996, December 23, 1998, July 13, 2000, October 10, 2001, October 16, 2001, October 22, 2001, November 5, 2001, December 6, 2001, March 6, 2002, April 3, 2006, July 5, 2006, October 2, 2006, January 3, 2007 and February 9, 2007, relating to the Class D Common Shares, nominal value Bs. 36.90182224915 per share (the Class D Shares), and American Depositary Shares, each representing seven Class D Shares (the ADSs) of Compania Anonima Nacional Telefonos de Venezuela (the Issuer). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the initial Statement on Schedule 13D, as amended through the date hereof (the Schedule 13D). The Schedule 13D is hereby amended as follows:

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The information in Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

On February 12, 2007, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) and GTE Venholdings B.V. (Venholdings) entered into a memorandum of understanding (the Memorando) with the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (the Government), pursuant to which (i) the Government agreed, subject to certain conditions, including the completion of a due diligence investigation and the receipt of certain regulatory approvals, to make and consummate concurrent tender offers (the Offers) in the United States and Venezuela to buy any and all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Issuer, including the ADSs, for a price per share of the Bolivar equivalent of US\$2.55 and a price per ADS of \$17.85, and (ii) Venholdings agreed, subject to certain terms and conditions, to sell its Class A shares of the Issuer's capital stock and ADSs in the Offers for an aggregate price of approximately \$572 million. Each ADS represents seven Class D shares of the Issuer. A copy of the Memorando is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

In connection with the execution of the Memorando, Mr. Gustavo Roosen resigned as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer on February 12, 2007 and released the Issuer from certain claims for severance and other compensation. Mr. Roosen served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer for twelve years, during eleven of which he was seconded there as an employee of Verizon and its predecessors. In 2006, he left Verizon's employ and became an employee only of the Issuer. In light of the foregoing, and in exchange for certain covenants on the part of Mr. Roosen and a release by Mr. Roosen of any claims (including severance or termination claims) he may have against Verizon, Verizon has agreed to pay to Mr. Roosen \$3,100,000 within 20 days of February 12, 2007.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

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1	Memorando de Entendimiento, dated as of February 12, 2007, among the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Verizon Communications Inc. and GTE Venholdings B.V.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 12, 2007

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

/s/ John W. Diercksen

By: John W. Diercksen

GTE CORPORATION

/s/ Marianne Drost

By: Marianne Drost

VERIZON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC.

/s/ Christopher M. Bennett

By: Christopher M. Bennett

GTE VENEZUELA S.A. R.L.

By: VERIZON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC., MANAGER

/s/ Christopher M. Bennett

By: Christopher M. Bennett

GTE VENHOLDINGS B.V.

By: VERIZON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC., MANAGING DIRECTOR

/s/ Christopher M. Bennett

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