

Tauke Thomas J.
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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 *
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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NEW YORK, NY 10007

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	12/23/2011		M		63,077	A	\$ 35.81	69,971	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2011		S		63,077	D	\$ 39.5	6,894	D	

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock (unitized)	(1)	12/23/2011		A	73,601	(1)	(1)			Common Stock
Stock Option Non-Qualified	\$ 35.81 (3)	12/23/2011		M	63,077	02/03/2004	02/02/2013			Common Stock

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. 12/27/2011

__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) In connection with (i) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic directories business on November 17, 2006, and (ii) the spin-off of Verizon's domestic telephone lines on July 1, 2010, stock-based awards held by current and former Verizon employees, including these options, were adjusted pursuant to antidilution provisions of Verizon's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Prior to these adjustments, as of 5/1/2004, these options constituted the right to purchase 58,600 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$38.54.

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