

Ruesterholz Virginia P  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Ruesterholz Virginia P

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)  
 02/18/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Pres. - Verizon Services

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 | 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 a) |              |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | V                   | (A)   | (D)  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date                      | Title        |
| Phantom Stock (unitized)                     | (1)  | 02/18/2011                           |  | A                   | 4,600.359   |  | (1)              | (1)                                  | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units - 2008-10 Award Cycle | (3)  | 02/22/2011                           |  | F                   | 5,630.836   |  | 02/22/2011       | 02/22/2011                           | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units - 2008-10 Award Cycle | (3)  | 02/22/2011                           |  | M                   | 42,963.13   |  | 02/22/2011       | 02/22/2011                           | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Ruesterholz Virginia P<br>VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.<br>140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10007 |               |           | EVP & Pres. - Verizon Services |       |

## Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Ruesterholz,  
Virginia P. 02/22/2011

\*\*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) 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, 2010, based on the closing sale price of common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the last trading day in December 2010. \*The Company also made a payment with respect to 72,890.960 performance stock

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units earned for the 2008-10 award cycle in accordance with their terms.

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