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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC Form 4 December 21, 2015 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Skiadas Anthony T Issuer Symbol VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) INC [VZ] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS 12/17/2015 SVP & Controller INC., 1095 AVENUE OF THE **AMERICAS** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10036 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. 3. Transaction Date Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | TransactionD Code Se (Instr. 8) A or (E (In | | 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) | | 8. P Der Sec (Ins |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock (unitized) | <u>(1)</u> | 12/17/2015 | | A | | 29.787 | | <u>(1)</u> | (1) | Common Stock | 9 | \$ |
| Reporting Owners | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Relationships | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Director 10% C | Owner | Of | fficer | | Other | | | | |
| Skiadas Anthony T VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1095 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signat | ures | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William L Skiadas | . Horton, Jr. | for Anthony T. | | | 12/2 | 1/201 | 15 | | | | | |

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Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

* 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.

Date

(2) Includes phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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