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(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 Stratton John G 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) **VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS** 02/12/2016 **EVP & President of Operations** 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 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I. Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Peneficially Owned

Tabl				e 1 - 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
	Common Stock	02/12/2016		M	36,212	A	<u>(1)</u>	91,775	D		
	Common Stock	02/12/2016		F	18,776	D	\$ 50.11	72,999	D		
	Common Stock							983	I	By 401(k)	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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)	
D 1				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units - 2013-15 Award	(1)	02/12/2016		M		36,212	02/12/2016	02/12/2016	Common Stock	36,212

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stratton John G

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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1095 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

EVP & President of Operations

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for John G. Stratton

02/17/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents the right to receive one share of common stock on the payment date, unless deferred at the election of the reporting person. To the extent deferred, each RSU represents the right to have an amount equal to the value of one share of common stock on the payment date credited to the reporting person's deferred compensation plan account and deemed invested in a hypothetical cash-based investment option.

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