

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 02, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: September 1, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)*

**1-8606**  
*(Commission File Number)*

**23-2259884**  
*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

1095 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

10036  
*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-2121

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Not applicable

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 1, 2005, Mr. David H. Benson, senior vice president and controller for Verizon Communications Inc., informed the Verizon Board of Directors of his intention to retire from the company by year-end.

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

The Board of Directors of Verizon Communications Inc. has amended the company's Bylaws, effective September 1, 2005, to provide that a director shall retire from the Board of Directors at the board meeting next following his or her 72nd birthday.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Verizon Communications Inc.

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(Registrant)

Date: September 2, 2005

/s/ Marianne Drost

Marianne Drost  
Senior Vice President, Deputy General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary