

SLATER RODNEY E
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SLATER RODNEY E
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC [VZ]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., 140 WEST STREET
(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10007
(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

Phantom Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	6,706.237	\$ 29.23	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	I	By Deferred Compensation Plan
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SLATER RODNEY E VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Slater,
Rodney E. 03/09/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 one share of common stock and is settled in cash. The shares of phantom stock become payable following the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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