

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 424B3

August 09, 2004

Prospectus Supplement dated August 9, 2004

To Prospectus dated September 3, 2003

Rule 424(b)(3)

File No. 333-106750

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT INVEST

A Direct Stock Purchase and Share Ownership Plan for

Common Stock of Verizon Communications Inc.

This Prospectus Supplement dated as of August 9, 2004 supplements and amends the Prospectus dated September 3, 2003, as follows and should be read in connection with the Prospectus:

Verizon Communications is reducing the minimum initial investment in the Plan for new investors and for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) from \$1,000 to \$500. As a result,

- Each reference in the Prospectus to \$1,000 is hereby amended to read \$500 ;
- The reference in the Prospectus to ten (10) monthly payments is hereby amended to read five (5) monthly payments ; and
- Each reference in the Prospectus to ten (10) consecutive months is hereby amended to read five (5) consecutive months .