

MCCARTHY DANIEL J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCCARTHY DANIEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3 HIGH RIDGE PARK
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/19/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice President
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

STAMFORD, CT 06905

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/19/2005		M	58,150 A \$ 11.79	173,745	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2005		F	13,800 D \$ 13.8	159,945	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2005		F	39,605 D \$ 13.79	120,340	D	
Common Stock					7,854.55	I ⁽¹⁾	401(k)

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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.79	08/19/2005		M		58,150		(2)	05/16/2011	Common Stock	58,150

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCARTHY DANIEL J 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK STAMFORD, CT 06905			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

By: By Hilary E. Glassman Under
Power-of-Attorney

08/23/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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) Represents total number of shares acquired through 401(k) plan as reported by the plan administrator as of the transaction date.

(2) Shares vest in four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant.

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