

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 8-K

October 21, 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: October 20, 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

10036

*(Zip Code)*

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*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 October 20, 2005, Verizon Communications Inc. announced that Thomas A. Bartlett has been elected senior vice president and controller of the company, effective November 1, 2005, replacing David H. Benson, who last month announced his intention to retire.

**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.  
(Registrant)

Date: October 20, 2005

/s/ Marianne Drost  
Marianne Drost

Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary