

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2006

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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: December 11, 2006

(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.)*

**140 West Street**

**New York, New York**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**10007**

*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-1000

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; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 11, 2006, Verizon announced that Vice Chairman and President Lawrence T. Babbio Jr. has notified the Board of Directors of his intention to retire by the end of the first quarter 2007.

**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: December 12, 2006

/s/ Marianne Drost

Marianne Drost

Senior Vice President, Deputy General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary