

Stachiw Mark Atkerson
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Stachiw Mark Atkerson

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC [PCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2250 LAKESIDE BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/07/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Gen Counsel, Sec & Vice Chair

RICHARDSON, TX 75082

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/07/2012		A		55,000	A	\$ 0
					196,241	D	

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)

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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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.55	02/07/2012		A	130,000	(2)		02/07/2022		Common Stock	130,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stachiw Mark Atkerson 2250 LAKESIDE BOULEVARD RICHARDSON, TX 75082			Gen Counsel, Sec & Vice Chair	

Signatures

/s/ Linda M. Brotkin, as Attorney in Fact for Mark A. Stachiw 02/09/2012

**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).
- These shares of restricted stock vest over a period of four years as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) of the restricted stock vests on
- (1) February 7, 2013 and the remainder vests upon the reporting person's completion of each additional quarter of service in a series of twelve (12) successive equal quarterly installments.
 - (2) The option vests over a period of four years as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vests on February 7, 2013 and the remainder vests upon the reporting person's completion of each additional month of service in a series of thirty-six (36) successive equal monthly installments.

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