

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 8-K

February 25, 2009

**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 February 25, 2009**

**(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.)*

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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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 25, 2009, Thomas A. Bartlett, Senior Vice President and Controller of Verizon Communications Inc., announced his plans to retire, effective March 31, 2009.

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: February 25, 2009

/s/ Marianne Drost  
Marianne Drost  
Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary