

METROMEDIA FIBER NETWORK INC
Form SC 13G/A
February 12, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 2) (1)

Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.
(Name Of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

591689104
(Cusip Number)

December 31, 2002
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
SS. OR IRS. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Verizon Communications Inc. #23-2259884

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

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(a) | |
(b) |X|

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES 0 shares of Class A Common Stock

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY 20,133,410 shares of Class A Common Stock

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING 0 shares of Class A Common Stock

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH 20,133,410 shares of Class A Common Stock

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
20,133,410 shares of Class A Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
| |

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
2.25% OF THE AGGREGATE OF THE ISSUER'S CLASS A COMMON STOCK AND CLASS B
COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE, WHICH IS FREELY CONVERTIBLE INTO
SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK AT A RATE OF ONE SHARE OF CLASS A COMMON
STOCK FOR EACH SHARE OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
SS. OR IRS. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Verizon Investments Inc. #13-3191789

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

360 Hamilton Avenue

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White Plains, New York 10601

Item 2.

(a) Name of Persons Filing

Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon")
Verizon Investments Inc. ("VII")

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

Verizon
1095 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

VII
3900 Washington Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19802

(c) Citizenship

Each of Verizon and VII is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(e) Cusip Number

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) | | Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act
- (b) | | Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act
- (c) | | Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act
- (d) | | Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act
- (e) | | Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)
- (f) | | Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g) | | Parent Holding Company or Control Person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)
- (h) | | Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act
- (i) | | Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act

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(j) | | Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

20,133,410 shares of Class A Common Stock

(b) Percent of Class:

2.25% of the aggregate of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which is freely convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock at a rate of one share of Class A Common Stock for each share of Class B Common Stock.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 20,133,410

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(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
20,133,410

VII is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon and prior to September 27, 2002 was the direct beneficial owner of 51,116,218 shares of Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the issuer. VII sold all of such shares as of September 27, 2002.

Prior to September 27, 2002, VII also was the direct beneficial owner of \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's 6.15% Series A Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010, and \$475,281,000 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's 6.15% Series B Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010, all of which are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, which had not been satisfied at such time. VII sold all such Notes as of September 27, 2002.

VII is the direct beneficial owner of \$10,670,707.33 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's 8.5% Senior Convertible Notes, which are convertible into 20,133,410 shares of Class A Common Stock upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, which have not been satisfied.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

This statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting persons have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Class A Common Stock of Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported On by the Parent Holding Company:

See Item 4.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

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Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certifications:

Not Applicable.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 12, 2003

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

/s/ Marianne Drost

Signature

Marianne Drost - Corporate Secretary

Name/Title

VERIZON INVESTMENTS INC.

/s/ William F. Heitmann

Signature

William F. Heitmann - Chairman of the Board

Name/Title

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT AS TO JOINT FILING OF
SCHEDULE 13G

The undersigned hereby agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G.

February 13, 2002

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

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/s/ Marianne Drost

Signature

Marianne Drost - Corporate Secretary

Name/Title

VERIZON INVESTMENTS INC.

/s/ William F. Heitmann

Signature

William F. Heitmann - Vice President

Name/Title

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