

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 18, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

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**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

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**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)*

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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.**

Effective January 1, 2007, Dennis F. Strigl will become President and Chief Operating Officer of Verizon Communications Inc. Compensation changes associated with Mr. Strigl's appointment have not yet been determined. Mr. Strigl previously served as Executive Vice President and President and CEO Verizon Wireless Joint Venture. In connection with this change, Lawrence T. Babbio, Jr. will be an executive officer of Verizon Communications Inc. through the close of business on December 31, 2006.

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 19, 2006

/s/ Marianne Drost  
Marianne Drost  
Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary