

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 11, 2007

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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: September 6, 2007

(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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 6, 2007, James R. Barker retired from the Board of Directors of Verizon Communications Inc., pursuant to the Board's retirement policy as set forth in its Corporate Governance Guidelines.

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: September 11, 2007

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

Counsel and Corporate Secretary