Mead Daniel S. Form 4 October 18, 2011

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mead Daniel S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS

INC [VZ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

EVP and Pres. & CEO - VZW JV

10% Owner

Other (specify

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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., 140 WEST STREET, 29TH

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(First)

FLOOR

(Last)

(Street)

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

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10007

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (unitized)	(1)	10/14/2011		A	103.562	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	30	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mead Daniel S. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

EVP and Pres. & CEO - VZW JV

Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Mead, Daniel S.

**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).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of a portion of one share of common stock and is settled in cash. The shares of phantom stock become payable upon events established by the reporting person in accordance with the deferred compensation plan.
- (2) Includes phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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