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: March 4, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-8606

23-2259884

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1095 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10036 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-2121

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Attached as an exhibit hereto is a press release dated March 4, 2005 issued by Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) containing information pertaining to Verizon s March 4, 2005 dividend declaration.

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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: March 4, 2005 /s/ Marianne Drost
Marianne Drost

Senior Vice President, Deputy General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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