

Melone Anthony J.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Melone Anthony J.		(Month/Day/Year)	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC [VZ]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/07/2010	
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., Â 140 WEST STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
	(give title below) (specify below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
	EVP & Chief Technology Officer		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10007				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock (unitized)	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	30,619 (1)	\$ (1)	I	By Deferred Compensation Plan
Restricted Stock Units - 2008 - 10 Award Cycle	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	12,894	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units - 2009 - 11 Award Cycle	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	12,170	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units - 2010 - 12 Award Cycle	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	13,941	\$ (4)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Melone Anthony J. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 140 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007	Â	Â	Â EVP & Chief Technology Officer	Â

## Signatures

William L. Horton, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Melone,  
Anthony J. 12/15/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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. The number of shares is based upon 106,701.347 units held as of December 7, 2010.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents the right to receive a cash payment equal to the value of one share of common stock, plus accrued dividends, upon vesting. Subject to the terms of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, each RSU will vest on December 31, 2010, and the cash payment will be based on the closing stock price on the last trading day in December 2010.

(3) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents the right to receive a cash payment equal to the value of one share of common stock, plus accrued dividends, upon vesting. Subject to the terms of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, each RSU will vest on December 31, 2011, and the cash payment will be based on the closing stock price on the last trading day in December 2011.

(4) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents the right to receive a cash payment equal to the value of one share of common stock, plus accrued dividends, upon vesting. Subject to the terms of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, each RSU will vest on December 31, 2012, and the cash payment will be based on the closing stock price on the last trading day in December 2012.

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