

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 8-K

February 02, 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: February 1, 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)*

**140 West Street**

**New York, New York**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**1-8606**

*(Commission File Number)*

**23-2259884**

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

**10007**

*(Zip Code)*

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

**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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On a February 1, 2006 investor relations conference call, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) provided an update on its fiber-to-the-premises deployment strategy, known as FiOS. Verizon indicated that earnings dilution from FiOS is expected to be approximately 10 - 15 cents per share higher in 2006 than in 2005, or 25 - 30 cents per share, and that it expects 2006 to be the peak year for earnings dilution from FiOS. The company also stated that its FiOS deployment cost decreased by approximately 30 percent in 2005 and is expected to decrease by an additional 15 - 20 percent in 2006.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Attached as an exhibit is a press release dated February 1, 2006 issued by Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) announcing the merger of its wholly-owned financing subsidiary, Verizon Global Funding Corp., with and into Verizon. Verizon also announced it will discontinue issuing commercial paper through another financing subsidiary, Verizon Network Funding, by the end of the first quarter of 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: February 1, 2006

/s/ Thomas A. Bartlett

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Thomas A. Bartlett  
Senior Vice President and Controller

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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