# 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: January 24, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

## VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-8606 (Commission File Number) 23-2259884 (I.R.S. Employer

 $of\ incorporation)$ 

Identification No.)

140 West Street

10007

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

(Zip Code)

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

#### Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Attached as an exhibit is a press release dated January 24, 2006 issued by Verizon Wireless related to its fourth quarter 2005 customer growth.

#### **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.

Date: January 24, 2006

Verizon Communications Inc.

(Registrant)

/s/ Thomas A. Bartlett

Thomas A. Bartlett

Senior Vice President and Controller

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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