

STANGER ROBERT A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STANGER ROBERT A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 STAMFORD, CT 06905

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

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

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M			15,970	A	\$ 8.44	35,534	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M			17,319	A	\$ 7.79	52,853	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M			19,080	A	\$ 7.08	71,933	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M			20,917	A	\$ 6.46	92,850	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2004		S			21,400	D	\$ 13.86	71,450	D	

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Common Stock	12/29/2004	S	9,100	D	\$ 13.87	62,350	D
Common Stock	12/29/2004	S	11,600	D	\$ 13.88	50,750	D
Common Stock	12/29/2004	S	9,700	D	\$ 13.9	41,050	D

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.44	12/29/2004		M	15,970	01/01/1997	01/01/2006	Common Stock	15,970
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.79	12/29/2004		M	17,319	01/01/1998	01/01/2007	Common Stock	17,319
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.08	12/29/2004		M	19,080	01/01/1999	01/01/2008	Common Stock	19,080
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.46	12/29/2004		M	20,917	01/01/2000	01/01/2009	Common Stock	20,917

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STANGER ROBERT A 3 HIGH RIDGE PARK STAMFORD, CT 06905		X		

Signatures

By: By L. Russell Mitten Under
Power-of-Attorney

12/30/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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