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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

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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: April 10, 2002 (Date of earliest event reported)

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Id incorporation)

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1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

1003 (Zip C

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

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits.

Legal opinion issued in connection with the Verizon Communications Direct Invest direct stock purchase and share ownership plan.

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)

/s/ Marianne Drost Date: April 10, 2002

Marianne Drost

Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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