

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 8-K

July 29, 2008

**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: July 28, 2008**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction*

*of incorporation)*

**1-8606**  
*(Commission File Number)*

**23-2259884**  
*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification No.)*

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140 West Street

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

10007  
*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-1000

**Not Applicable**

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

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On a July 28, 2008, conference call with financial analysts and investors, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) discussed its second quarter 2008 results and outlook for the second half of 2008.

Verizon expects:

Continued mid-single digit consolidated revenue growth;

Continued improvement in margins;

Verizon reiterated its long-range target of 30%-33% EBITDA margin for the wireline segment over the three to five year planning period (*EBITDA or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization adds depreciation and amortization to operating income*);

Margin levels could be affected in the short term if there is a significant change in volume levels or costs;

Verizon expects wireline EBITDA margins to be on a run rate of at least 28% in the fourth quarter;

Its consolidated effective tax rate for 2008 to be in the 34%-36% range;

No significant economic impact on its financial results in the second half of the year;

Double digit earnings growth and continued strong cash flows for 2008.

In the fall management will ask the Board of Directors to consider an increase in the dividend. Verizon's goal is to move to an annual dividend increase model.

NOTE: This report contains statements about expected future events and financial results that are forward-looking and subject to risks and uncertainties. For those statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The following important factors could affect future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements: materially adverse changes in economic and industry conditions and labor matters, including workforce levels and labor negotiations, and any resulting financial and/or operational impact, in the markets served by us or by companies in which we have substantial investments; material changes in available technology, including disruption of our suppliers' provisioning of critical products or services; the impact of natural or man-made disasters or litigation and any resulting financial impact not covered by insurance; technology substitution; an adverse change in the ratings afforded our debt securities by nationally accredited ratings organizations; the final results of federal and state regulatory proceedings concerning our provision of retail and wholesale services and judicial review of those results; the effects of competition in our markets; the timing, scope and financial impact of our deployment of fiber-to-the-premises broadband technology; the ability of Verizon Wireless to continue to obtain sufficient spectrum resources; changes in our accounting assumptions that regulatory agencies, including the SEC, may require or that result from changes in the accounting rules or their application, which could result in an impact on earnings; and the ability to complete acquisitions and dispositions.

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: July 29, 2008

/s/ Thomas A. Bartlett  
Thomas A. Bartlett  
Senior Vice President and Controller