

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 424B3

August 09, 2004

Prospectus Supplement dated August 9, 2004

To Prospectus dated September 3, 2003

Rule 424(b)(3)

File No. 333-106750

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT INVEST**

**A Direct Stock Purchase and Share Ownership Plan for**

**Common Stock of Verizon Communications Inc.**

This Prospectus Supplement dated as of August 9, 2004 supplements and amends the Prospectus dated September 3, 2003, as follows and should be read in connection with the Prospectus:

Verizon Communications is reducing the minimum initial investment in the Plan for new investors and for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) from \$1,000 to \$500. As a result,

- Each reference in the Prospectus to \$1,000 is hereby amended to read \$500 ;
- The reference in the Prospectus to ten (10) monthly payments is hereby amended to read five (5) monthly payments ; and
- Each reference in the Prospectus to ten (10) consecutive months is hereby amended to read five (5) consecutive months .