

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington D.C. 20549

**FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Verizon Communications Inc.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

4813  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

23-2259884  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. ☐

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. ☐

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. ☐

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Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company ☐

If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer) ☐

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer) ☐

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Security	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
4.272% notes due 2036	\$2,868,704,000	100%	\$2,868,704,000	\$333,343.41
4.522% notes due 2048	\$5,000,000,000	100%	\$5,000,000,000	\$581,000.00
4.672% notes due 2055	\$5,499,999,000	100%	\$5,499,999,000	\$639,099.89

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(f) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457 under the Securities Act. The total registration fee due is \$1,553,443.30

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JULY 9, 2015

PROSPECTUS



## Verizon Communications Inc.

**Offer to Exchange**  
**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036**  
**for**  
**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036**  
**that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")**

**Offer to Exchange**  
**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048**  
**for**  
**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048**  
**that have been registered under the Securities Act**

**Offer to Exchange**  
**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055**  
**for**  
**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055**  
**that have been registered under the Securities Act**

**The Exchange Offers will expire at 11:59 p.m.,**  
**New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, unless extended with respect to any or all series.**

We hereby offer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal, to exchange (i) up to \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 4.272% notes due 2036 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CU6 and U9221A AK4) (the "Original Notes due 2036") for a like principal amount of our 4.272% notes due 2036 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92343V CV4) (the "Exchange Notes due 2036"), (ii) up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 4.522% notes due 2048 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CW2 and U9221A AL2) (the "Original Notes due 2048") for a like principal amount of our 4.522% notes due 2048 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92343V CX0) (the "Exchange Notes due 2048") and (iii) up to \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 4.672% notes due 2055 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CY8 and U9221A AM0) (the "Original Notes due 2055" and, together with the Original Notes due 2036 and the Original Notes due 2048, the "Original Notes") for a like principal amount of our 4.672% notes due 2055 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92343V CZ5) (the "Exchange Notes due 2055" and, together with the Exchange Notes due 2036 and the Exchange Notes due 2048, the "Exchange Notes"). We refer to these offers as the "Exchange Offers". When we use the term "Notes" in this prospectus, the term includes the Original Notes and the Exchange Notes unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires. The terms of the Exchange Offers are summarized below and are more fully described in this prospectus.

The terms of each series of Exchange Notes are identical to the terms of the corresponding series of Original Notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions applicable to the Original Notes do not apply to the Exchange Notes.

We will accept for exchange any and all Original Notes of each series validly tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, unless extended (the "expiration date").

You may withdraw tenders of Original Notes of each series at any time prior to the expiration of the relevant Exchange Offer.

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offers. The Original Notes surrendered and exchanged for the Exchange Notes will be retired and canceled. Accordingly, issuance of the Exchange Notes will not result in any increase in our outstanding indebtedness.

The exchange of Original Notes of each series for the corresponding series of Exchange Notes should not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

No public market currently exists for any series of Original Notes. We do not intend to list any series of Exchange Notes on any securities exchange and, therefore, no active public market is anticipated.

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offers must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Notes received in exchange for Original Notes where such Original Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, starting on the date the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, is declared effective and ending on the close of business 90 days after such date, we will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See "Plan of Distribution."

**See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8 to read about important factors you should consider before tendering your Original Notes.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should read this prospectus carefully before you invest. This prospectus contains important information you should consider when making your investment decision. You should rely only on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, which are accurate as of their respective dates. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information, and we take no responsibility for any information that others may give you.

If any statement in this prospectus conflicts with any statement in a document that we have incorporated by reference, then you should consider only the statement in the more recent document. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this document.

In this prospectus, “we,” “our,” “us,” “Verizon” and “Verizon Communications” refer to Verizon Communications Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains both historical and forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but only predictions and generally can be identified by use of statements that include phrases such as “will,” “may,” “should,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “plan,” “appear,” “project,” “estimate,” “intend,” or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our objectives, plans or goals also are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated. Factors that could materially affect these forward-looking statements can be found in our periodic reports filed with the SEC.

Potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus, and we

undertake no obligation to update publicly these forward-looking statements to reflect new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events might or might not occur. We cannot assure you that projected results or events will be achieved.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any of these documents at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of ours, please be aware that the reference is only a summary and that you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's website.

## **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents we have filed with the SEC and the future filings we make with the SEC until the date we consummate the Exchange Offers under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 on any Current Report on Form 8-K):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 25, 2015, February 26, 2015, March 12, 2015, May 12, 2015, May 13, 2015 and June 8, 2015.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by contacting us at:

Investor Relations  
Verizon Communications Inc.  
One Verizon Way  
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920  
Telephone: (212) 395-1525  
Internet Site: [www.verizon.com/investor](http://www.verizon.com/investor)

**In order to obtain timely delivery of such materials, you must request information from us no later than five business days prior to the expiration of the relevant Exchange Offer.**

## SUMMARY

*This summary highlights selected information appearing elsewhere, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus and is, therefore, qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. We urge you to read carefully this entire prospectus and the other documents to which it refers to understand fully the terms of the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Offers. You should pay special attention to “Risk Factors” and “Forward-Looking Statements.”*

### Verizon Communications

We are a global leader in delivering broadband and other wireless and wireline communications services to consumer, business, government and wholesale customers. Our wireless business, operating as Verizon Wireless, provides voice and data services and equipment sales across the United States using one of the most extensive and reliable wireless networks, with 108.6 million retail connections as of March 31, 2015. We also provide converged communications, information and entertainment services over America’s most advanced fiber-optic network, and deliver integrated business solutions to customers around the world. A Dow 30 company, we employed a diverse workforce of approximately 176,200 employees as of March 31, 2015, and generated consolidated revenues of \$127.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, and our telephone number is (212) 395-1000.

### The Exchange Offers

*On March 13, 2015, in connection with private exchange offers, we issued \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2036, \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2048 and \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2055. As part of those issuances, we entered into a registration rights agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015 (the “Registration Rights Agreement”), with respect to each series of Original Notes with the dealer managers of the private exchange offers, in which we agreed, among other things, to deliver this prospectus to you and to use our reasonable best efforts to complete an exchange offer for each series of Original Notes. Below is a summary of the Exchange Offers.*

**The Exchange Offers** . . . . . We are offering to exchange up to \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Original Notes due 2036, up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Original Notes due 2048 and up to \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Original Notes due 2055 for like principal amounts of Exchange Notes due 2036, Exchange Notes due 2048 and Exchange Notes due 2055, respectively. You may tender Original Notes only in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. We will issue each series of Exchange Notes promptly after the expiration of the applicable Exchange Offer. In order to be exchanged, an Original Note must be validly tendered, not validly withdrawn and accepted by us. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions of the Exchange Offers, all Original Notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be accepted by us and exchanged. As of the date of this prospectus, \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2036 is outstanding, \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal

amount of Original Notes due 2048 is outstanding and \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2055 is outstanding. The Original Notes were issued under our Indenture, dated as of December 1, 2000 (as amended or supplemented, the “Indenture”), between us and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank), as trustee (the “Trustee”). If all outstanding Original Notes are tendered for exchange, there will be \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2036, \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2048 and \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2055 outstanding after the Exchange Offers.

**Purpose of the Exchange Offers . . . . .** The purpose of the Exchange Offers is to satisfy our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement.

**Expiration Date; Tenders . . . . .** The Exchange Offers will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, unless we extend the period of time during which any or all of the Exchange Offers is open. In the event of any material change to any of the Exchange Offers, we will extend the period of time during which the relevant Exchange Offer is open as necessary so that at least five business days remain in the relevant Exchange Offer period following notice of such material change. By signing or agreeing to be bound by the letter of transmittal, you will represent, among other things, that:

- you are not an affiliate of ours;
- you are acquiring the Exchange Notes in the ordinary course of your business;
- you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or understanding with anyone to participate, in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the Exchange Notes; and
- if you are a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for your own account in exchange for Original Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, you will deliver a prospectus (or to the extent permitted by law, make available a prospectus to purchasers) in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. For further information regarding resales of the Exchange Notes by broker-dealers, see the discussion under the caption “Plan of Distribution.”

**Accrued Interest on the Exchange Notes and Original Notes . . . . .** The Exchange Notes due 2036 will bear interest from July 15, 2015, which will be the most recent date to which interest on the Original Notes due 2036 will have been paid prior to the issuance of the Exchange Notes due 2036. The Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will bear interest from March 13, 2015. If your Original Notes are accepted for exchange, you will receive



	interest on the corresponding Exchange Notes and not on such Original Notes. Any Original Notes not tendered will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest according to their terms.
<b>Conditions to the Exchange Offers . . .</b>	Our obligation to accept Original Notes tendered in the Exchange Offers is subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions. See “The Exchange Offers—Conditions to the Exchange Offers.”
<b>Procedures for Tendering Original Notes . . . . .</b>	<p>A tendering holder must, at or prior to the applicable expiration date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transmit a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, including all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to the Exchange Agent (as defined herein) at the address listed in this prospectus; or</li> <li>• if Original Notes are tendered in accordance with the book-entry procedures described in this prospectus, the tendering holder must transmit an agent’s message (as defined herein) to the Exchange Agent at the address listed in this prospectus.</li> </ul> <p>See “The Exchange Offers—Procedures for Tendering.”</p>
<b>Special Procedures for Beneficial Holders . . . . .</b>	If you are a beneficial holder of Original Notes that are registered in the name of your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and you wish to tender in any of the Exchange Offers, you should promptly contact the person in whose name your Original Notes are registered and instruct that nominee to tender on your behalf. See “The Exchange Offers—Procedures for Tendering.”
<b>Withdrawal Rights . . . . .</b>	Tenders may be withdrawn at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. See “The Exchange Offers—Withdrawal Rights.”
<b>Acceptance of Original Notes and Delivery of Exchange Notes . . . . .</b>	Subject to the conditions stated in the section “The Exchange Offers—Conditions to the Exchange Offers” of this prospectus, we will accept for exchange any and all Original Notes of each series that are properly tendered in the Exchange Offers and not validly withdrawn before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. The corresponding Exchange Notes will be delivered promptly after the applicable expiration date. See “The Exchange Offers—Terms of the Exchange Offers.”
<b>Absence of Dissenters’ Rights of Appraisal . . . . .</b>	You do not have dissenters’ rights of appraisal with respect to the Exchange Offers. See “The Exchange Offers—Absence of Dissenters’ Rights of Appraisal.”
<b>Material U.S. Federal Tax Consequences . . . . .</b>	Your exchange of Original Notes for Exchange Notes pursuant to any of the Exchange Offers should not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.”

**Exchange Agent** ..... U.S. Bank National Association is serving as the exchange agent (the “Exchange Agent”) in connection with the Exchange Offers. The address and telephone number of the Exchange Agent are listed under the heading “The Exchange Offers—Exchange Agent.”

**Use of Proceeds** ..... We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offers. The Original Notes surrendered and exchanged for the Exchange Notes will be retired and canceled. Accordingly, issuance of the Exchange Notes will not result in any increase in our outstanding indebtedness.

**Resales** ..... Based on existing interpretations of the Securities Act by the SEC staff set forth in several no-action letters to third parties and subject to the immediately following sentence, we believe Exchange Notes issued under these Exchange Offers in exchange for Original Notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by the holders thereof (other than holders that are broker-dealers) without further compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act. However, any holder of Original Notes that is an affiliate of ours or that intends to participate in the Exchange Offers for the purpose of distributing any of the Exchange Notes, or any broker-dealer that purchased any of the Original Notes from us for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act, (i) will not be able to rely on the interpretations of the SEC staff set forth in the above mentioned no-action letters, (ii) will not be entitled to tender its Original Notes in the Exchange Offers and (iii) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or transfer of the Original Notes unless such sale or transfer is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements.

Any broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities must deliver a prospectus (or to the extent permitted by law, make available a prospectus to purchasers) in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes.

**Consequences Of Not Exchanging Original Notes** ..... If you do not exchange your Original Notes in the Exchange Offers, you will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer described in the legend on your Original Notes. In general, you may offer or sell your Original Notes only:

- if they are registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws;
- if they are offered or sold under an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws; or
- if they are offered or sold in a transaction not subject to the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.



Although your Original Notes will continue to accrue interest, they will generally retain no rights under the Registration Rights Agreement. We currently do not intend to register any series of Original Notes under the Securities Act. Under some circumstances, holders of the Original Notes, including holders that are not permitted to participate in the Exchange Offers or that may not freely sell Exchange Notes received in the Exchange Offers, may require us to file, and to cause to become effective, a shelf registration statement covering resales of Original Notes by these holders. For more information regarding the consequences of not tendering your Original Notes and our obligations to file a shelf registration statement, see “The Exchange Offers—Consequences of Exchanging or Failing to Exchange the Original Notes” and “The Exchange Offers—Registration Rights.”

**Risk Factors** ..... For a discussion of risk factors you should consider carefully before deciding to participate in the Exchange Offers, see “Risk Factors” beginning on page 9 of this prospectus.

## The Exchange Notes

<b>Issuer</b> .....	Verizon Communications Inc.
<b>Securities Offered</b> .....	Up to \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2036, up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2048 and up to \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes due 2055.  The terms of each series of Exchange Notes are identical to the terms of the corresponding series of Original Notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions applicable to the Original Notes do not apply to the Exchange Notes.
<b>Maturity Dates</b> .....	Exchange Notes due 2036: January 15, 2036. Exchange Notes due 2048: September 15, 2048. Exchange Notes due 2055: March 15, 2055.
<b>Interest Rates</b> .....	Exchange Notes due 2036: 4.272%. Exchange Notes due 2048: 4.522%. Exchange Notes due 2055: 4.672%.  The Exchange Notes due 2036 will bear interest from July 15, 2015, which will be the most recent date to which interest on the Original Notes due 2036 will have been paid prior to the issuance of the Exchange Notes due 2036. The Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will bear interest from March 13, 2015.
<b>Interest Payment Dates</b> .....	Exchange Notes due 2036: January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing on January 15, 2016. Exchange Notes due 2048: March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on September 15, 2015. Exchange Notes due 2055: March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on September 15, 2015.
<b>Optional Redemption</b> .....	We may redeem any series of the Exchange Notes at our option, in whole, or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity, at the applicable redemption price to be determined using the procedure described in this prospectus under “Description of the Exchange Notes—Redemption.”
<b>Ranking</b> .....	Each series of Exchange Notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our senior unsecured debt.
<b>Book Entry; Form and Denominations</b> .....	Each series of Exchange Notes will be represented by one or more fully registered global notes, which we refer to as the “Global Notes.” The Global Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Beneficial interests in the Exchange Notes will be represented through book-

entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC. Except in limited circumstances described in this prospectus, owners of beneficial interests in the Exchange Notes will not be entitled to have Exchange Notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive Exchange Notes in definitive form and will not be considered holders of Exchange Notes under the Indenture. The Exchange Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

**No Public Market** ..... The Exchange Notes will be new securities for which there is currently no market. A market for any or all series of Exchange Notes may not develop, or if a market does develop, it may not provide adequate liquidity.

**Governing Law** ..... The Indenture is, and the Exchange Notes will be, governed by the laws of the State of New York.

## **RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in the Exchange Notes involves risks. Before making a decision whether to participate in the Exchange Offers, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus, including the risk factors set forth in the documents and reports filed with the SEC that are incorporated by reference herein. Our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows can be impacted by these factors, any one of which could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from our anticipated future results.*

### **Uncertainty as to the trading market for Original Notes not exchanged**

To the extent tenders of Original Notes for exchange in the Exchange Offers are accepted by us and the Exchange Offers are completed, the trading market for the Original Notes that remain outstanding following such completion may be significantly more limited. The remaining Original Notes may command a lower price than a comparable issue of securities with greater market liquidity. A reduced market value and reduced liquidity may also make the trading price of the remaining Original Notes more volatile. As a result, the Exchange Offers may cause the market price for the Original Notes that remain outstanding after the completion of the Exchange Offers to be adversely affected. Neither we nor the Exchange Agent has any duty to make a market in any remaining Original Notes.

### **Uncertainty as to the trading market for the Exchange Notes**

We cannot make any assurance as to:

- the development of an active trading market for the Exchange Notes;
- the liquidity of any trading market that may develop for the Exchange Notes;
- the ability of holders to sell their Exchange Notes; or
- the price at which the holders would be able to sell their Exchange Notes.

We do not intend to apply for listing of the Exchange Notes on any securities exchange or for quotation through any automated dealer quotation system. Any trading market that may develop for the Exchange Notes may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for investment-grade securities, changes in our financial performance or prospects, a change in our credit rating, the prospects for companies in our industry generally, any acquisitions or business combinations proposed or consummated by us, the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the Exchange Notes and prevailing interest rates, financial markets and general economic conditions. A market for the Exchange Notes may be subject to volatility.

### **Resale of the Original Notes is restricted**

Each series of Exchange Notes will be issued pursuant to a registration statement filed with the SEC of which this prospectus forms a part. On the other hand, we have not registered the Original Notes under the Securities Act or for public offerings outside the United States. Consequently, the Original Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States, unless they are registered under the Securities Act, transferred pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or transferred in a transaction not subject to the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. As a result, holders of Original Notes who do not participate in the Exchange Offers will face restrictions on the resale of their Original Notes, and such holders may not be able to sell their Original Notes at the time they wish or at prices acceptable to them. In addition, we do not anticipate that we will register the Original Notes under the Securities Act and, if you are eligible to exchange your Original Notes in the Exchange Offers and do not exchange your Original Notes in the Exchange Offers, you will no longer be entitled to have those Original Notes registered under the Securities Act.

### **Treatment of the Original Notes not exchanged**

Original Notes not exchanged in the Exchange Offers will remain outstanding. The terms and conditions governing the Original Notes will remain unchanged. No amendments to these terms and conditions are being sought.

From time to time after the expiration date, we or our affiliates may acquire Original Notes that are not exchanged in the Exchange Offers through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices as we or our affiliates may determine or as may be provided for in the Indenture or other documents governing the Original Notes (which may be on terms more or less favorable from those contemplated in the Exchange Offers and, in either case, could be for cash or other consideration).

### **Responsibility for complying with the procedures of the Exchange Offers**

Holders of Original Notes are responsible for complying with all of the procedures for tendering Original Notes for exchange in a timely manner. Therefore, holders of Original Notes that wish to exchange them for Exchange Notes should allow sufficient time for timely completion of the exchange procedures. If the instructions are not strictly complied with, the letter of transmittal or the agent's message, as the case may be, may be rejected. Neither we nor the Exchange Agent assumes any responsibility for informing any holder of Original Notes of irregularities with respect to such holder's participation in the Exchange Offers.

### **Consummation of the Exchange Offers may not occur**

The Exchange Offers are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. See "The Exchange Offers—Conditions to the Exchange Offers." Even if the Exchange Offers are completed, they may not be completed on the schedule described in this prospectus. Accordingly, holders participating in the Exchange Offers may have to wait longer than expected to receive their Exchange Notes, during which time such holders will not be able to effect transfers of their Original Notes tendered in the Exchange Offers.

### **Completion, termination, waiver and amendment**

Until we announce whether we have accepted valid tenders of Original Notes for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offers, no assurance can be given that the Exchange Offers will be completed. In addition, subject to applicable law and as provided in this prospectus, we may, in our sole discretion, extend, re-open, amend, waive any condition of or terminate any or all of the Exchange Offers at any time before our announcement of whether we will accept valid tenders of Original Notes for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offers, which we expect to make as soon as reasonably practicable after the applicable expiration date.

### **Responsibility to consult advisers**

Holders should consult their own tax, accounting, financial and legal advisers regarding the suitability to themselves of the tax or accounting consequences of participating in the Exchange Offers and an investment in the Exchange Notes.

Neither we nor the Exchange Agent, nor our or its directors, employees or affiliates, is acting for any holder of Original Notes or will be responsible to any holder of Original Notes for providing advice in relation to the Exchange Offers, and accordingly neither we nor the Exchange Agent, nor our or its directors, employees and affiliates, makes any recommendation whatsoever regarding the Exchange Offers or any recommendation as to whether you should tender your Original Notes for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offers.

**Registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act**

If you exchange your Original Notes in the Exchange Offers for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes, you may be deemed to have received restricted securities and, if so, you will be required to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction. In addition, a broker-dealer that purchased Original Notes for its own account as part of market-making activities or trading activities must deliver a prospectus when it sells the Exchange Notes it receives in exchange for Original Notes in the Exchange Offers. Our obligation to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part effective is limited. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that a current prospectus will be available at all times to broker-dealers wishing to resell their Exchange Notes.



## USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offers. The Original Notes surrendered and exchanged for the Exchange Notes will be retired and canceled.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table shows our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

<u>Three Months Ended</u> <u>March 31, 2015</u>	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
5.11	3.15	7.69	3.55	3.50	3.74

For these ratios, “earnings” have been calculated by adding fixed charges to income before provision for income taxes, discontinued operations, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of accounting change, and before noncontrolling interests and income (loss) of equity investees. “Fixed charges” include interest expense, preferred stock dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries, capitalized interest and the portion of rent expense representing interest.

## THE EXCHANGE OFFERS

### Purpose of the Exchange Offers

When we completed the issuance of the Original Notes in connection with private exchange offers on March 13, 2015, we entered into the Registration Rights Agreement with the dealer managers of the private exchange offers. Under the Registration Rights Agreement, we agreed to file a registration statement with the SEC relating to the Exchange Offers within 120 days of the settlement date of each series of Original Notes. We also agreed to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to become effective with the SEC within 210 days of the settlement date of each series of Original Notes and to complete the Exchange Offers within 250 days of the settlement date of each series of Original Notes. The Registration Rights Agreement provides that we will be required to pay additional interest to the holders of the Original Notes of the applicable series if we fail to comply with such filing, effectiveness and exchange offer consummation requirements.

The Exchange Offers are not being made to holders of Original Notes in any jurisdiction where the exchange would not comply with the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdiction. A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and it is available from us upon request. See “Where You Can Find More Information.”

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes, where such Original Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. See “Plan of Distribution.”

### Terms of the Exchange Offers

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, we will accept for exchange Original Notes that are properly tendered before 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date and not validly withdrawn as permitted below. We will issue a like principal amount of Exchange Notes in exchange for the principal amount of the corresponding Original Notes

tendered under the respective Exchange Offers. As used in this prospectus, the term “expiration date” means , 2015. However, if we have extended the period of time for which the Exchange Offers are open with respect to any or all series of Notes, the term “expiration date” means the latest date to which we extend the relevant Exchange Offer.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2036 is outstanding, \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2048 is outstanding and \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of Original Notes due 2055 is outstanding. The Original Notes of each series were issued under the Indenture. Our obligation to accept Original Notes of each series for exchange in the Exchange Offers is subject to the conditions described below under “—Conditions to the Exchange Offers.” We reserve the right to extend the period of time during which any or all of the Exchange Offers is open. We may, subject to applicable law, elect to extend the relevant Exchange Offer period if less than 100% of the Original Notes of the relevant series are tendered or if any condition to consummation of the relevant Exchange Offer has not been satisfied as of the relevant expiration date and it is likely that such condition will be satisfied after such date. In addition, in the event of any material change to any or all of the Exchange Offers, we will extend the period of time during which the relevant Exchange Offer is open as necessary so that at least five business days remain in the relevant Exchange Offer period following notice of such material change. In the event of such extension, and only in such event, we may delay acceptance for exchange of any Original Notes of the relevant series by giving written notice of the extension to the holders of Original Notes of such series as described below. During any extension period, all Original Notes of such series previously tendered will remain subject to the Exchange Offers and may be accepted for exchange by us. Any Original Notes not accepted for exchange will be returned to the tendering holder promptly after the expiration or termination of the Exchange Offers.

Original Notes of each series tendered in the Exchange Offers must be in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to amend or terminate any or all of the Exchange Offers, and not to accept for exchange any Original Notes of the relevant series not previously accepted for exchange, upon the occurrence of any of the conditions of the relevant Exchange Offer specified below under “—Conditions to the Exchange Offers.” We will give written notice of any extension, amendment, non-acceptance or termination to the holders of the Original Notes of the relevant series as promptly as practicable. Such notice, in the case of any extension, will be issued by means of a press release or other public announcement no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date for such series.

Our acceptance of the tender of Original Notes by a tendering holder will form a binding agreement upon the terms and subject to the conditions provided in this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal.

### **Absence of Dissenters’ Rights of Appraisal**

Holders of the Original Notes do not have any dissenters’ rights of appraisal in connection with the Exchange Offers.

### **Procedures for Tendering**

Except as described below, a tendering holder must, at or prior to 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date:

- transmit a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, including all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to the Exchange Agent, at the address listed below under the heading “—Exchange Agent;” or
- if Original Notes are tendered in accordance with the book-entry procedures described below, the tendering holder must transmit an agent’s message to the Exchange Agent at the address listed below under the heading “—Exchange Agent.”

In addition:

- the Exchange Agent must receive, at or before 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date, certificates for the Original Notes, if any; or
- the Exchange Agent must receive a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of the Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC, the book-entry transfer facility.

The term "agent's message" means a message, transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against such participant.

**The method of delivery of Original Notes, letters of transmittal and all other required documents is at your election and risk. If the delivery is by mail, we recommend that you use registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery. You should not send letters of transmittal or Original Notes to anyone other than the Exchange Agent.**

If you are a beneficial owner whose Original Notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and wish to tender, you should promptly instruct the registered holder to tender on your behalf. Any registered holder that is a participant in DTC's book-entry transfer facility system may make book-entry delivery of the Original Notes by causing DTC to transfer the Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal must be guaranteed unless the Original Notes surrendered for exchange are tendered:

- by a registered holder of the Original Notes that has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal; or
- for the account of an "eligible institution."

If signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, the guarantees must be by an "eligible institution." An "eligible institution" is a financial institution, including most banks, savings and loan associations and brokerage houses, that is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program or the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program.

We will reasonably determine all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility of Original Notes tendered for exchange and all questions concerning the timing of receipts and acceptance of tenders. These determinations will be final and binding.

We reserve the right to reject any particular Original Note not properly tendered, or any acceptance that might, in our judgment, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defects or irregularities with respect to the form or procedures applicable to the tender of any particular Original Note prior to the applicable expiration date. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of Original Notes must be cured prior to the applicable expiration date of the Exchange Offers. Neither we, the Exchange Agent nor any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defect or irregularity in any tender of Original Notes. Nor will we, the Exchange Agent or any other person incur any liability for failing to give notification of any defect or irregularity.

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of Original Notes, the letter of transmittal must be accompanied by a certificate of the Original Notes endorsed by the registered holder or

written instrument of transfer or exchange in satisfactory form, duly executed by the registered holder, in either case with the signature guaranteed by an eligible institution. In addition, in either case, the original endorsement or the instrument of transfer must be signed exactly as the name of any registered holder appears on the Original Notes.

If the letter of transmittal or any Original Notes or powers of attorney are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, these persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us, proper evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to so act must be submitted.

By signing or agreeing to be bound by the letter of transmittal, each tendering holder of Original Notes will represent, among other things:

- that it is not an affiliate of ours;
- the Exchange Notes will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business;
- that it is not participating, does not intend to participate, and has no arrangement or understanding with anyone to participate, in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the Exchange Notes; and
- if such holder is a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, that it will deliver a prospectus (or to the extent permitted by law, make available a prospectus to purchasers) in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes.

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes, where such Original Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. See “Plan of Distribution.”

#### **Acceptance of Original Notes for Exchange; Delivery of Exchange Notes**

Upon satisfaction of all of the conditions to an Exchange Offer, we will accept, promptly after the applicable expiration date, all Original Notes of the relevant series properly tendered. We will issue the applicable Exchange Notes promptly after the expiration of the relevant Exchange Offer and acceptance of the corresponding Original Notes. See “—Conditions to the Exchange Offers” below. For purposes of the Exchange Offers, we will be deemed to have accepted properly tendered Original Notes for exchange when, as and if we have given written notice of such acceptance to the Exchange Agent.

For each Original Note accepted for exchange, the holder of the Original Note will receive an Exchange Note of the corresponding series having a principal amount equal to that of the surrendered Original Note. The Exchange Notes due 2036 will bear interest from July 15, 2015, which will be the most recent date to which interest on the Original Notes due 2036 will have been paid prior to the issuance of the Exchange Notes due 2036. The Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will bear interest from March 13, 2015. Original Notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue interest from and after the date of completion of the relevant Exchange Offer. Holders of Original Notes whose Original Notes are accepted for exchange will not receive any payment for accrued interest on the Original Notes otherwise payable on any interest payment date, the record date for which occurs on or after completion of the relevant Exchange Offer and will be deemed to have waived their rights to receive the accrued interest on the Original Notes.

In all cases, issuance of Exchange Notes for Original Notes will be made only after timely receipt by the Exchange Agent of:

- certificates for the Original Notes, or a timely book-entry confirmation of the Original Notes into the Exchange Agent’s account at the book-entry transfer facility;

- a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or a transmitted agent's message; and
- all other required documents.

Unaccepted or non-exchanged Original Notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holder of the Original Notes promptly after the expiration of the relevant Exchange Offer. In the case of Original Notes tendered by book-entry transfer in accordance with the book-entry procedures described below, the non-exchanged Original Notes will be returned or recredited promptly after the expiration of the relevant Exchange Offer.

### **Book-Entry Transfer**

The Exchange Agent will make a request to establish an account for the Original Notes at DTC for purposes of the Exchange Offers within two business days after the date of this prospectus. Any financial institution that is a participant in DTC's systems must make book-entry delivery of Original Notes by causing DTC to transfer those Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's procedure for transfer. This participant should transmit its acceptance to DTC at or prior to 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. DTC will verify this acceptance, execute a book-entry transfer of the tendered Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC and then send to the Exchange Agent confirmation of this book-entry transfer. The confirmation of this book-entry transfer will include an agent's message confirming that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from this participant that this participant has received and agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against this participant. Delivery of Exchange Notes issued in the Exchange Offers may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC. However, the letter of transmittal or an agent's message, with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, must be transmitted to, and received by, the Exchange Agent at the address listed below under "—Exchange Agent" at or prior to 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date.

### **Exchanging Book-Entry Notes**

The Exchange Agent and the book-entry transfer facility have confirmed that any financial institution that is a participant in the book-entry transfer facility may utilize the book-entry transfer facility's Automated Tender Offer Program, or ATOP, procedures to tender Original Notes. Any participant in the book-entry transfer facility may make book-entry delivery of Original Notes by causing the book-entry transfer facility to transfer such Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account in accordance with the book-entry transfer facility's ATOP procedures for transfer. However, the exchange for the Original Notes so tendered will only be made after a book-entry confirmation of the book-entry transfer of Original Notes into the Exchange Agent's account, and timely receipt by the Exchange Agent of an agent's message and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal.

### **Withdrawal Rights**

For a withdrawal to be effective, the Exchange Agent must receive a written notice of withdrawal at the address indicated below under "—Exchange Agent" before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. Any notice of withdrawal must:

- specify the name of the person, referred to as the depositor, having tendered the Original Notes to be withdrawn;
- identify the Original Notes to be withdrawn, including the relevant series, certificate number or numbers and principal amount of the Original Notes;
- in the case of Original Notes tendered by book-entry transfer, specify the number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility from which the Original Notes were tendered and specify the name and number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility to be credited with the withdrawn Original Notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of such facility;

- contain a statement that the holder is withdrawing his election to have the Original Notes exchanged;
- be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which the Original Notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer to have the Trustee with respect to the Original Notes register the transfer of the Original Notes in the name of the person withdrawing the tender; and
- specify the name in which the Original Notes are registered, if different from that of the depositor.

If certificates for Original Notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the Exchange Agent, then, prior to the release of these certificates, the withdrawing holder must also submit the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn and signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an eligible institution unless this holder is an eligible institution. We will determine all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of notices of withdrawal. Properly withdrawn Original Notes may be re-tendered by following the procedures described under “—Procedures for Tendering” above at any time on or before 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date.

### **Conditions to the Exchange Offers**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this prospectus, with respect to each Exchange Offer, we will not be obligated to (i) accept for exchange any validly tendered Original Notes or (ii) issue any Exchange Notes in exchange for validly tendered Original Notes or complete such Exchange Offer, if at or prior to the applicable expiration date:

- (1) there is threatened, instituted or pending any action or proceeding before, or any injunction, order or decree issued by, any court or governmental agency or other governmental regulatory or administrative agency or commission that might materially impair our ability to proceed with the applicable exchange offer; or
- (2) the applicable exchange offer or the making of any exchange by a holder of Original Notes of the relevant series would violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the SEC staff.

In addition, we will not accept for exchange any Original Notes tendered, and no Exchange Notes will be issued in exchange for any Original Notes, if any stop order is threatened by the SEC or in effect relating to the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part or the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. We are required to use our commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a registration statement at the earliest possible moment.

No Exchange Offer is conditioned upon any minimum amount of Original Notes being tendered or the consummation of any other Exchange Offer and each Exchange Offer may be amended, extended or terminated individually.

### **Exchange Agent**

We have appointed U.S. Bank National Association as the Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offers. You should direct all executed letters of transmittal to the Exchange Agent at the address indicated below. You should direct questions and requests for assistance, requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal to the Exchange Agent addressed as follows:

*By Mail:*  
U.S. Bank National Association  
Attn: Specialized Finance  
60 Livingston Ave – EP-MN-WS2N  
St. Paul, MN 55107-2292



By Hand or Overnight Courier:  
U.S. Bank National Association  
Attn: Specialized Finance  
111 Fillmore Ave E  
St. Paul, MN 55107-1402

For information or confirmation by email or  
telephone:  
651-466-7150  
cts.specfinance@usbank.com

All other questions should be addressed to Verizon Communications Inc., One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920, Attention: Fixed Income Investor Relations. If you deliver the letter of transmittal to an address other than any address for the Exchange Agent indicated above, then your delivery or transmission will not constitute a valid delivery of the letter of transmittal.

### **Fees and Expenses**

We will not make any payment to brokers, dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the Exchange Offers. We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Exchange Offers other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the Original Notes and the Exchange Notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The cash expenses to be incurred in connection with the Exchange Offers, including out-of-pocket expenses for the Exchange Agent, will be paid by us.

### **Transfer Taxes**

We will pay any transfer taxes in connection with the tender of Original Notes in the Exchange Offers unless you instruct us to register Exchange Notes in the name of, or request that Original Notes not tendered or not accepted in the Exchange Offers be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder. In those cases, you will be responsible for the payment of any applicable transfer taxes.

### **Accounting Treatment**

The Exchange Notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the Original Notes as reflected in our accounting records on the date of the exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes upon the completion of the Exchange Offers. Payments made to other third parties will be expensed as incurred in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Consequences of Exchanging or Failing to Exchange the Original Notes**

Holders of Original Notes that do not exchange their Original Notes for Exchange Notes under the Exchange Offers will remain subject to the restrictions on transfer of such Original Notes as set forth in the legend printed on the global certificates representing the Original Notes as a consequence of the issuance of the Original Notes pursuant to exemptions from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. In general, you may not offer or sell the Original Notes unless they are registered under the Securities Act, transferred pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or transferred in a transaction not subject to the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the Registration Rights Agreement, we do not intend to register resales of any series of Original Notes under the Securities Act.

Under existing interpretations of the Securities Act by the SEC staff contained in several no-action letters to third parties, and subject to the immediately following sentence, we believe the Exchange Notes of each series

would generally be freely transferable by holders after the Exchange Offers without further registration under the Securities Act, subject to certain representations required to be made by each holder of Exchange Notes, as set forth below. However, any holder of Original Notes that is one of our “affiliates” (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) or that intends to participate in the Exchange Offers for the purpose of distributing the Exchange Notes, or any broker-dealer that purchased any of the Original Notes from us for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act:

- will not be able to rely on the interpretation of the SEC staff;
- will not be able to tender its Original Notes of any series in the Exchange Offers; and
- must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or transfer of Original Notes unless such sale or transfer is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements. See “Plan of Distribution.”

We do not intend to seek our own interpretation regarding the Exchange Offers and there can be no assurance that the SEC staff would make a similar determination with respect to any or all series of Exchange Notes as it has in other interpretations to other parties, although we have no reason to believe otherwise.

### **Registration Rights**

The following description of the Registration Rights Agreement is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. A copy of the form of the Registration Rights Agreement is available upon request to us at our address set forth under “Documents Incorporated by Reference.”

On March 13, 2015, we entered into the Registration Rights Agreement with the dealer managers of the private exchange offers pursuant to which we agreed, for the benefit of the holders of the Original Notes, at our cost, to:

- file, not later than 120 days after the initial settlement date for the Original Notes, a registration statement (the “Exchange Offer Registration Statement”) with respect to a registered offer (the “Registered Exchange Offer”) to exchange the Original Notes for a new series of notes (the “Registered Notes”) having terms identical in all material respects to the Original Notes, except that the Registered Notes will not contain transfer restrictions or be subject to any increase in annual interest rate;
- use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be declared effective within 210 days of the initial settlement date for the Original Notes; and
- use our commercially reasonable efforts to complete the Registered Exchange Offer within 250 days of the initial settlement date for the Original Notes.

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC. Promptly after this registration statement has been declared effective, we will commence the Registered Exchange Offer.

If the Original Notes held by nonaffiliates of ours are not freely tradable pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act and the applicable interpretations of the SEC and:

- due to a change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we determine upon the advice of outside counsel that we are not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer;
- any holder of Original Notes notifies us in writing not more than 20 days after completion of the Registered Exchange Offer that it is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer (other than due to its status as a broker-dealer); or

- for any other reason, the Registered Exchange Offer is not completed within 250 days after the initial settlement date for the Original Notes,

then we will, at our cost:

- as promptly as practicable, but not more than 60 days after so required or requested pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, file with the SEC a shelf registration statement covering resales of the Original Notes (the “Shelf Registration Statement”);
- use our reasonable best efforts to cause the Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act within 150 days after so required or requested; and
- use our reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the Securities Act until the earlier of the date that is two years after the initial settlement date for the Original Notes or the time that all Original Notes registered for resale under the Shelf Registration Statement have been sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement or are freely tradable by nonaffiliates of ours pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act and the applicable interpretations of the SEC.

For each relevant holder of Original Notes covered by the Shelf Registration Statement, we will:

- provide copies of the prospectus that is part of the Shelf Registration Statement;
- notify each such holder when the Shelf Registration Statement has been filed and when it has become effective; and
- take certain other actions as are required to permit unrestricted resales of the Original Notes.

A holder that sells Original Notes pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement generally will be required to be named as a selling security holder in the related prospectus and to deliver a prospectus to purchasers, will be subject to certain of the civil liability provisions under the Securities Act in connection with such sales and will be bound by the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement that are applicable to such holder, including certain indemnification obligations. In addition, a holder of Original Notes will be required to deliver information to be used in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement in order to have that holder’s Original Notes included in the Shelf Registration Statement and to benefit from the provisions set forth in the following paragraph.

If:

- the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not filed with the SEC on or prior to the date specified for such filing in the Registration Rights Agreement, and we have not determined upon advice of outside counsel that due to a change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC, that we are not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as provided in the first bullet of the preceding paragraph;
- the Registered Exchange Offer is not completed within 250 days of the initial settlement date for the Original Notes and we have not determined upon the advice of outside counsel that due to a change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC, that we are not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as provided in the first bullet of the preceding paragraph;
- the Shelf Registration Statement, if applicable, is not declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the date specified in the Registration Rights Agreement;
- the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has been declared effective but ceases to be effective or usable prior to the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer (unless such ineffectiveness is cured within the 250-day period after the initial settlement date for the Original Notes); or

- the Shelf Registration Statement, if applicable, has been declared effective but ceases to be effective or usable for a period of time that exceeds 120 days in the aggregate in any 12-month period in which it is required to be effective under the Registration Rights Agreement (each such event referred to in this bullet point and any of the previous five bullet points we refer to as a “Registration Default”),

then we will pay additional interest as liquidated damages to the holders of the Original Notes affected thereby, and that additional interest will accrue on the principal amount of the Original Notes affected thereby, in addition to the stated interest on the Original Notes, from and including the date on which any Registration Default shall occur to, but not including, the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured. Additional interest will accrue at a rate of 0.25% per annum while one or more Registration Defaults is continuing and will be payable at the same time, to the same persons and in the same manner as ordinary interest.

Following the cure of all Registration Defaults, the accrual of additional interest on the Original Notes will cease and the interest rate will revert to the original rate on the Original Notes. Any additional interest will constitute liquidated damages and will be the exclusive remedy, monetary or otherwise, available to any holder of Original Notes with respect to any registration default.

The Registration Rights Agreement provides that a holder of Original Notes is deemed to have agreed to be bound by the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement whether or not the holder has signed the Registration Rights Agreement.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES

### General

The Exchange Notes will be issued under our Indenture, dated as of December 1, 2000 (as amended or supplemented, the “Indenture”), between us and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank), as trustee (the “Trustee”), and will be issued in book-entry form and shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

The Indenture provides for the issuance from time to time of debt securities in an unlimited principal amount and in an unlimited number of series. The Exchange Notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our senior unsecured debt. Each of the Exchange Notes due 2036, the Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will be a series of debt securities under the Indenture.

The following summary sets forth certain terms and provisions of the Exchange Notes and the Indenture, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the terms and provisions of the Exchange Notes and the Indenture, including the definitions therein, copies of which are available as set forth under “Where You Can Find More Information.” Because the following is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you may find useful in evaluating an investment in the Exchange Notes. We urge you to read the Indenture and the Exchange Notes because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the Exchange Notes.

### Maturity and Interest

The Exchange Notes due 2036 will mature on January 15, 2036, the Exchange Notes due 2048 will mature on September 15, 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will mature on March 15, 2055.

We will pay interest on the Exchange Notes due 2036 at the rate of 4.272% per annum on January 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding January 1 and on July 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding July 1. We will pay interest on the Exchange Notes due 2048 at the rate of 4.522% per annum on March 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding March 1 and on September 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding September 1. We will pay interest on the Exchange Notes due 2055 at the rate of 4.672% per annum on March 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding March 1 and on September 15 of each year to holders of record on the preceding September 1. If interest or principal on the Exchange Notes is payable on a Saturday, Sunday or any other day when banks are not open for business in the City of New York, we will make the payment on the next business day, and no interest will accrue as a result of the delay in payment. The first interest payment date on the Exchange Notes due 2036 is January 15, 2016. Interest on the Exchange Notes due 2036 will accrue from July 15, 2015. The first interest payment date on the Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 is September 15, 2015. Interest on the Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will accrue from March 13, 2015. Interest on the Exchange Notes will accrue on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days.

### Additional Notes of the Same Series

We may without consent of or notice to the holders of the Exchange Notes issue additional debt securities under the Indenture having the same terms in all respects as the Exchange Notes due 2036, the Exchange Notes due 2048 or the Exchange Notes due 2055 offered hereby. Any additional debt securities with the same terms as the Exchange Notes due 2036, the Exchange Notes due 2048 or the Exchange Notes due 2055 will be consolidated with and treated as a single series with the applicable series of Exchange Notes offered hereby for all purposes under the Indenture.

## Redemption

We have the option to redeem the Exchange Notes on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Exchange Notes being redeemed, or
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Exchange Notes being redeemed (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption), discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points for the Exchange Notes due 2036, the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points for the Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points for the Exchange Notes due 2055,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

The "Treasury Rate" will be determined on the third business day preceding the date of redemption and means, with respect to any date of redemption:

- (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as "Statistical Release H. 15(519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or
- (2) if that release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain those yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the date of redemption.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term, referred to as the Remaining Life, of the Exchange Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Exchange Notes.

"Independent Investment Banker" means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by us.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means (1) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for that date of redemption, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means (1) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by us, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, we shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by us.



“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any date of redemption, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m. (New York City time) on the third business day preceding the date of redemption.

In addition, we may at any time purchase all or some of the Exchange Notes by tender, in the open market or by private agreement, subject to applicable law.

### **Liens on Assets**

The Exchange Notes will not be secured. However, if at any time we incur other debt or obligations secured by a mortgage or pledge on any of our property, the Indenture requires us to secure the outstanding debt securities issued under the Indenture, including the Exchange Notes, equally with our other debt or obligations for as long as the other debt or obligations remain secured. Exceptions to this requirement include the following:

- purchase-money mortgages or liens;
- liens on any property or asset that existed at the time when we acquired that property or asset;
- any deposit or pledge to secure public or statutory obligations;
- any deposit or pledge with any governmental agency required to qualify us to conduct any part of our business, to entitle us to maintain self-insurance or to obtain the benefits of any law relating to workmen’s compensation, unemployment insurance, old age pensions or other social security; or
- any deposit or pledge with any court, board, commission or governmental agency as security for the proper conduct of any proceeding before it.

The Indenture does not prevent any of our affiliates from mortgaging, pledging or subjecting to any lien any property or asset, even if the affiliate acquired that property or asset from us.

We may issue or assume an unlimited amount of debt under the Indenture. As a result, the Indenture does not prevent us from significantly increasing our unsecured debt levels, which may negatively affect the resale of the Exchange Notes.

### **Consolidation, Merger or Sale**

The Indenture provides that we may not merge with another company or sell, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our property to another company unless:

- the successor corporation expressly assumes:
  - payment of principal, interest and any premium on the Exchange Notes; and
  - performance and observance of all covenants and conditions in the Indenture;
- after giving effect to the transaction, there is no default under the Indenture;
- we have delivered to the trustee an officers’ certificate and opinion of counsel stating that such transaction complies with the conditions set forth in the Indenture; and
- if as a result of the transaction, our property would become subject to a lien that would not be permitted by the asset lien restriction, we secure the Exchange Notes equally and ratably with, or prior to, all indebtedness secured by that lien.

### **Events of Default, Notices and Waiver**

An “event of default” means, for any series of debt securities issued under the Indenture, any of the following:

- failure to pay interest on that series of debt securities for 90 days after payment is due;

- failure to pay principal or any premium on that series of debt securities when due;
- failure to perform any other covenant relating to that series of debt securities for 90 days after notice to us; and
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization.

An event of default for a particular series of debt securities issued under the Indenture does not necessarily impact any other series of debt securities issued under the Indenture. If an event of default for any series of debt securities issued under the Indenture occurs and continues, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal of all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If this happens, subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of that series can rescind the declaration if there has been deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest, principal and any premium.

The holders of more than 50% of the outstanding principal amount of any series of the debt securities may, on behalf of the holders of all of the debt securities of that series, control any proceedings resulting from an event of default or waive any past default except a default in the payment of principal, interest or any premium. We are required to file an annual certificate with the Trustee stating whether we are in compliance with all of the conditions and covenants under the Indenture.

### **Changes to the Indenture**

The Indenture may be changed with the consent of holders owning more than 50% of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the change. However, we may not change your principal or interest payment terms or the percentage required to change other terms of the Indenture, without your consent and the consent of others similarly affected. We may enter into supplemental indentures for other specified purposes, including the creation of any new series of debt securities, without the consent of any holder of debt securities.

### **Concerning the Trustee**

Within 90 days after a default occurs with respect to the debt securities of a particular series, the Trustee must notify the holders of the debt securities of that series of such default known to the Trustee if we have not remedied it (default is defined for this purpose to include the events of default specified above absent any grace periods or notice). If a default described above in the third bullet under “—Events of Default, Notices and Waiver” occurs, the Trustee will not give notice to the holders of the affected series until at least 60 days after the occurrence of that default. The Trustee may withhold notice to the holders of the debt securities of any default (except in the payment of principal, interest or any premium) if it in good faith believes that withholding this notice is in the interest of the holders.

Prior to an event of default, the Trustee is required to perform only the specific duties stated in the Indenture, and after an event of default, must exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. The trustee is not required to take any action permitted by the Indenture at the request of holders of the debt securities, unless those holders protect the Trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities. The Trustee is not required to spend its own funds or become financially liable when performing its duties if it reasonably believes that it will not be adequately protected financially.

The Trustee and its affiliates have commercial banking relationships with us and some of our affiliates and serves as trustee or paying agent under indentures relating to debt securities issued by us and some of our affiliates.

## **Paying Agent and Registrar**

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the Exchange Notes, and we may act as paying agent or registrar, although we currently have no plans to do so.

## **Defeasance**

The Indenture permits us to discharge or “defease” certain of our obligations on any series of debt securities at any time. We may defease by depositing with the Trustee sufficient cash or government securities to pay all sums due on that series of debt securities.

## **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

The Exchange Notes will only be issued in book-entry form, which means that the Exchange Notes of each series will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, commonly known as DTC, or in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. You may hold interests in the Exchange Notes directly through DTC, Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., commonly known as Euroclear, or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Luxembourg, commonly known as Clearstream, if you are a participant in any of these clearing systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in those systems. Links have been established among DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear to facilitate the issuance of the Exchange Notes and cross-market transfers of the Exchange Notes associated with secondary market trading. DTC is linked indirectly to Clearstream and Euroclear through the depository accounts of their respective U.S. depositories. Beneficial interests in the Exchange Notes may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notes in book-entry form that can be exchanged for definitive notes of the applicable series under the circumstances described under the caption “—Certificated Notes” will be exchanged only for definitive notes of the applicable series issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

### ***Book-Entry Procedures for the Global Notes***

The descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream described below are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of these settlement systems and are subject to change by them from time to time. Neither we, the Trustee, nor any paying agent takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and investors are urged to contact the relevant system or its participants directly to discuss these matters.

The clearing systems have advised us as follows:

### ***DTC***

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a “clearing agency” registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants, known as DTC participants, deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among DTC participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through computerized records for DTC participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need to exchange certificates. DTC participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations.

DTC’s book-entry system is also used by other organizations such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that work through a DTC participant. The rules that apply to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

We expect that pursuant to procedures established by DTC:

- upon deposit of each global note, DTC will credit the accounts of participants in DTC designated by the Exchange Agent with an interest in the global note; and
- ownership of the Exchange Notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of the Exchange Notes will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC, with respect to the interests of participants in DTC, and the records of participants and indirect participants, with respect to the interests of persons other than participants in DTC.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of the securities in definitive form. Accordingly, the ability to transfer interests in the notes represented by a global note to these persons may be limited. In addition, because DTC can act only on behalf of its participants, who in turn act on behalf of persons who hold interests through participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Exchange Notes represented by a global note to pledge or transfer that interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC's system, or to otherwise take actions in respect of that interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical definitive security in respect of the interest.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or the nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Exchange Notes represented by the global note for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note:

- will not be entitled to have Exchange Notes represented by the global note registered in their names;
- will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes; and
- will not be considered the owners or holders of the Exchange Notes under the Indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the Trustee under the Indenture.

Accordingly, each holder owning a beneficial interest in a global note must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if the holder is not a participant or an indirect participant in DTC, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which the holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder of Exchange Notes under the Indenture or the global note. We understand that under existing industry practice, if we request any action of holders of notes, or a holder that is an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note desires to take any action that DTC, as the holder of the global note, is entitled to take, then DTC would authorize its participants to take the action and the participants would authorize holders owning through participants to take the action or would otherwise act upon the instruction of such holders. Neither we, the Trustee nor any paying agent, if applicable, will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of notes by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to the Exchange Notes.

Payments with respect to the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, any Exchange Notes represented by a global note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee on the applicable record date will be payable by the Trustee or any paying agent, if applicable, to or at the direction of DTC or its nominee in its capacity as the registered holder of the global note representing those Exchange Notes, under the Indenture. Under the terms of the Indenture, we, the Trustee and any paying agent, if applicable may treat the persons in whose names the Exchange Notes, including the Global Notes, are registered as the owners of the Exchange Notes for the purpose of receiving payment on the Exchange Notes and for any and all other purposes whatsoever. Accordingly, neither we, the Trustee, nor any paying agent has or will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a global note, including principal, premium, if any, and interest. Payments by the participants and the indirect participants in DTC to the owners of beneficial interests in a global note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of the participants or the indirect participants and DTC. Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with the clearing systems' respective rules and operating procedures.

Upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest, DTC will credit DTC participants' accounts on the payment date according to such participants' respective holdings of beneficial interests in the Global Notes as shown on DTC's records. In addition, it is DTC's current practice to assign any consenting or voting rights to DTC participants whose accounts are credited with securities on a record date, by using an omnibus proxy. Payments by DTC participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes, and voting by DTC participants, will be governed by the customary practices between the DTC participants and owners of beneficial interests, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street name. However, these payments will be the responsibility of the DTC participants and not of DTC, the Trustee, any paying agent, if applicable, or us.

### ***Clearstream***

Clearstream is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depositary. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations, known as Clearstream participants, and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a registered bank in Luxembourg, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (*Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*). Clearstream participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include an underwriter, dealer, agent or purchaser engaged by us to sell the Global Notes. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream participant either directly or indirectly. Clearstream has established an electronic bridge with Euroclear to facilitate settlement of trades between Clearstream and Euroclear.

Distributions with respect to interests in the Global Notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. depositary for Clearstream.

### ***Euroclear***

Euroclear was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants, known as Euroclear participants, and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants and between Euroclear participants and participants of certain other securities intermediaries through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear is owned by Euroclear plc, a U.K. limited liability company, and operated through a license agreement by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., known as the Euroclear operator. The Euroclear operator provides Euroclear participants, among other things, with safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement, securities lending and borrowing and related services. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include an underwriter, dealer, agent or purchaser engaged by us to sell the Global Notes.

Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to others that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear operator is a Belgian bank regulated by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission and is overseen as the operator of a securities settlement system by the National Bank of Belgium.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law, collectively referred to as the terms and conditions. The terms and conditions govern

transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear operator acts under the terms and conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Distributions with respect to Global Notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the terms and conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. depository for Euroclear.

### ***Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures***

All initial settlements for the Exchange Notes will be made in U.S. dollars, in same-day funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in same-day funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream participants and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in same-day funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC participants, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be effected in DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the European international clearing system by its U.S. depository; however, these cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the European international clearing system by the counterparty in that system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The European international clearing system will, if a transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant Global Notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for settlement in DTC. Clearstream participants and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. depository.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of Global Notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. The credits or any transactions in the Global Notes settled during this processing will be reported to the Clearstream or Euroclear participants on the same business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the Global Notes by or through a Clearstream participant or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear are expected to follow these procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they will be under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures and these procedures may be changed or discontinued at any time. Neither we, the Trustee nor any paying agent, if applicable, will have any responsibility for the performance of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

### ***Certificated Notes***

If:

- DTC notifies us that it is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as a depository or DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days; or



- we execute and deliver to the Trustee a company order to the effect that the Global Notes will be exchangeable for certificated notes,

the Global Notes will be exchangeable for Exchange Notes in certificated form with the same terms and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. The certificated notes will be registered in the name or names as DTC instructs the Trustee or any registrar appointed by us. We expect that instructions may be based upon directions received by DTC from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in Global Notes. Upon the issuance of certificated notes, the Trustee or any registrar appointed by us is required to register the certificated notes in the name of that person or persons, or their nominee, and cause the certificated notes to be delivered.

Neither we, the Trustee nor any registrar appointed by us will be liable for any delay by DTC or any participant or indirect participant in DTC in identifying the beneficial owners of the related Exchange Notes, and each of those persons may conclusively rely on, and will be protected in relying on, instructions from DTC for all purposes, including with respect to the registration and delivery, and the respective principal amounts, of the Exchange Notes to be issued. In the case of Exchange Notes in certificated form, we will make payment of principal and any premium at the maturity of each New Note in immediately available funds upon presentation of the New Note at the corporate trust office of the Trustee, or at any other place as we may designate. Payment of interest on Exchange Notes in certificated form due at maturity will be made to the person to whom payment of the principal of the New Note will be made. Payment of interest due on Exchange Notes in certificated form other than at maturity will be made at the corporate trust office of the Trustee or, at our option, may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to receive payment as the address appears in the security register, except that a holder of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of a series of Exchange Notes in certificated form may, at our option, be entitled to receive interest payments on any interest payment date other than at maturity by wire transfer of immediately available funds, if appropriate wire transfer instructions have been received in writing by the Trustee at least 15 days prior to the interest payment date. Any wire instructions received by the Trustee will remain in effect until revoked by the holder.

### **Governing Law**

The Indenture is, and the Exchange Notes will be, governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

## **U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to you if you exchange Original Notes for Exchange Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offers. This summary is limited to considerations for exchanging holders of Original Notes that have held the Original Notes, and will hold the Exchange Notes, as capital assets, and that acquire Exchange Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offers. This summary does not discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular beneficial owner of Original Notes or to beneficial owners of Original Notes that may be subject to special tax rules, including a bank, a tax-exempt entity, an insurance company, a dealer in securities or currencies, a trader in securities electing to mark to market, an entity taxed as a partnership or partners therein, a “controlled foreign corporation” or “passive foreign investment company,” an individual or an entity taxed as an individual, a non-resident alien individual present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year, a person that holds Original Notes or will hold Exchange Notes as a position in a “straddle” or conversion transaction, or as part of a “synthetic security” or other integrated financial transaction, or a person that has a “functional currency” other than the U.S. dollar. In addition, this summary does not address the Medicare tax on net investment income, alternative minimum tax consequences or any state, local, or non-U.S. tax considerations. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local, and non-U.S. income and other tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Notes.

This discussion is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury regulations, published administrative interpretations of the IRS and judicial decisions, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

For purposes of this discussion, you are a “U.S. holder” if you are a beneficial owner of Original Notes that is a citizen or resident of the United States or a domestic corporation or otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of the Original Notes. You are a “Non-U.S. holder” if you are a beneficial owner of Original Notes that is not a U.S. holder.

### **Tax Consequences to Holders who Participate in the Exchange Offers**

An exchange of Original Notes for Exchange Notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Your initial tax basis in the Exchange Notes will equal your tax basis in the Original Notes, and your holding period for the Exchange Notes will include your holding period for the Original Notes.

### **Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Holding and Disposing of the Notes**

#### *Payments of Interest*

If you are a U.S. holder, payments of stated interest on the Notes will be taxable to you as ordinary interest income at the time that such payments are accrued or are received, in accordance with your method of tax accounting.

#### *Amortizable Bond Premium*

If your initial tax basis in a Note exceeds the stated principal amount of your Note, then you will be considered to have amortizable bond premium equal to such excess. You may elect to amortize this premium using a constant yield method over the term of the Note. If you elect to amortize bond premium, you may offset each interest payment on the Note by the portion of the bond premium allocable to the payment and must reduce your tax basis in the Note by the amount of the premium so amortized. The tax treatment of any Original Notes acquired at a premium will not change as a result of the Exchange Offers, and the Exchange Notes for which such Original Notes are exchanged will be subject to the rules described in this paragraph.

#### *Market Discount*

If your initial tax basis in a Note is less than the stated principal amount of the Note (subject to a de minimis exception), then you will be treated as having acquired that Note at a market discount. You are required to treat

any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Note as ordinary income to the extent of any accrued market discount on the Note at the time of the disposition, unless you have previously included such market discount in income pursuant to an election by you to include the market discount in income as it accrues. If you dispose of a Note in certain nontaxable transactions, any accrued market discount will be includible as ordinary income to you as if you had sold the Note in a taxable transaction at its fair market value at the time of such disposition. The tax treatment of any Original Notes acquired with market discount will not change as a result of the Exchange Offers, and the Exchange Notes for which such Original Notes are exchanged will be subject to the rules described in this paragraph.

#### *Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition of the Notes*

Except as described above with respect to accrued market discount, upon the disposition of a Note by sale, exchange, redemption or otherwise, you generally will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between (i) the amount realized on the disposition (other than amounts attributable to accrued interest not previously recognized as income, which will be taxed as such) and (ii) your adjusted tax basis in the Note. Your adjusted tax basis in an Exchange Note will equal your tax basis in the Original Note you exchanged for the Exchange Note, increased by market discount, if any, taken into account by you and reduced by any amortizable bond premium previously amortized by you. Any capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if you hold the Notes for more than one year. Certain non-corporate U.S. holders are eligible for preferential rates of U.S. federal income taxation in respect of long-term capital gains. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

#### *Issue Price of the Notes*

Since an exchange of Original Notes for Exchange Notes is not a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the adjusted issue price of the Exchange Notes will equal the adjusted issue price of the Original Notes.

### **Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders of Holding and Disposing of the Notes**

Except in the circumstances described below under “—*Backup Withholding and Information Reporting*” and “—*FATCA Withholding*,” if you are a Non-U.S. holder, you will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of Notes, and payments of interest on the Notes will be treated as ordinary interest income and will generally not be subject to tax provided that (i) you do not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock, (ii) you are not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us (actually or constructively) through stock ownership and (iii) you provide a statement signed under penalties of perjury that includes your name and address and certifies that you are a Non-U.S. holder in compliance with applicable requirements, generally made, under current procedures, on IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or satisfy certain documentary evidence requirements for establishing that you are a Non-U.S. holder).

### **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

If you are a U.S. holder that is not a corporation or other exempt recipient, information returns will be filed with the IRS in connection with payments on the Notes made to you. You generally will not be subject to U.S. backup withholding tax in connection with the Exchange Offers, or on payments on the Notes, if you provide a correct taxpayer identification number, certify as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding and otherwise comply with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. You may also be subject to information reporting and backup withholding requirements with respect to the proceeds from a sale or other taxable disposition of the Notes. Non-U.S. holders may be required to comply with applicable certification procedures to establish that they are Non-U.S. holders in order to avoid the application of information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against the holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

## **FATCA Withholding**

Under the U.S. tax rules known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), a holder of the Notes will generally be subject to 30% U.S. withholding tax on payments made on (and, after December 31, 2016, gross proceeds from the sale or other taxable disposition of) the Notes if the holder (i) is, or holds its Notes through, a foreign financial institution that has not entered into an agreement with the U.S. government to report, on an annual basis, certain information regarding accounts with or interests in the institution held by certain United States persons and by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by United States persons, or that has been designated as a “nonparticipating foreign financial institution” if it is subject to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and a foreign country, or (ii) fails to provide certain documentation (usually an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) containing information about its identity, its FATCA status, and if required, its direct and indirect U.S. owners. The future adoption of, or implementation of, an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, or future U.S. Treasury regulations, may modify these requirements. You should consult your own tax advisor on how these rules may apply to your investment in the Notes.

## **EU Savings Directive**

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC (the “Savings Directive”) on the taxation of savings income, each Member State of the European Union is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or secured by such a person for, an individual beneficial owner resident in, or certain limited types of entity established in, that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Austria and Luxembourg will (unless during such period they elect otherwise) instead operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. Under such a withholding system, the beneficial owner of the interest payment must be allowed to elect that certain provision of information procedures should be applied instead of withholding. The rate of withholding is 35%. The transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full fiscal year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to exchange of information procedures relating to interest and other similar income. The Luxembourg government has announced that Luxembourg will elect out of the withholding system in favor of automatic exchange of information with effect from January 1, 2015.

A number of non-EU countries and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States have adopted similar measures to the Savings Directive.

On March 24, 2014 the Council of the European Union adopted a Directive amending the Savings Directive (the “Amending Directive”) which, when implemented, will broaden the scope of the rules described above. The Member States will have until January 1, 2016 to adopt national legislation necessary to comply with the Amending Directive. The changes made under the Amending Directive include extending the scope of the Savings Directive to payments made to, or secured for, certain other entities and legal arrangements (including trusts and partnerships), where certain conditions are satisfied. They also broaden the definition of “interest payment” to cover income that is equivalent to interest. Investors who are in any doubt as to their position should consult their professional advisers.

## **The Proposed Financial Transactions Tax**

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transactions tax (“FTT”) in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the “participating Member States”).

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in the Exchange Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. In May 2014, a joint statement by ministers of the participating Member States (excluding Slovenia) proposed “progressive implementation” of the FTT, with the initial form applying the tax to transactions in shares and some derivatives.

Under current proposals, the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Exchange Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, “established” in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and the legality of the proposal is uncertain. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate and/or certain of the participating Member States may decide to withdraw. Prospective holders of the Exchange Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Based on existing interpretations of the Securities Act by the SEC staff set forth in several no-action letters to third parties, and subject to the immediately following sentence, we believe Exchange Notes issued under the Exchange Offers in exchange for Original Notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by the holders thereof (other than holders that are broker-dealers) without further compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act. However, any holder of Original Notes that is an affiliate of ours or that intends to participate in the Exchange Offers for the purpose of distributing the Exchange Notes, or any broker-dealer that purchased any of the Original Notes from us for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act, (i) will not be able to rely on the interpretations of the SEC staff set forth in the above-mentioned no-action letters, (ii) will not be entitled to tender its Original Notes in the Exchange Offers, and (iii) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or transfer of the Original Notes unless such sale or transfer is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements.

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offers must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Notes received in exchange for Original Notes where such Original Notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, starting on the date this registration statement is declared effective and ending on the close of business 90 days after such date, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 (90 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in the Exchange Notes may be required to deliver a prospectus.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of Exchange Notes by broker-dealers. Exchange Notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the Exchange Offers may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the Exchange Notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer or the purchasers of any such Exchange Notes. Any broker-dealer that resells Exchange Notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offers and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such Exchange Notes may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit of any such resale of Exchange Notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 90 days after the date this registration statement is declared effective, we shall promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal. We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Exchange Offers other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the Original Notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Verizon Communications incorporated by reference in Verizon Communications' Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014 (including the schedule appearing therein), and the effectiveness of Verizon Communications' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, incorporated by reference therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

William L. Horton, Jr., Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Verizon, is passing upon the validity of the Exchange Notes for us. As of June 30, 2015, Mr. Horton beneficially owned 12,356 shares of Verizon common stock.





## **Verizon Communications Inc.**

### **Offer to Exchange**

**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036  
for**

**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036  
that have been registered under the Securities Act**

### **Offer to Exchange**

**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048  
for**

**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048  
that have been registered under the Securities Act**

### **Offer to Exchange**

**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055  
for**

**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055  
that have been registered under the Securities Act**

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**PROSPECTUS**

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**, 2015**

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## PART II

### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### **Item 20. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers.***

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”) permits a corporation to indemnify any of its directors or officers who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any third-party proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the corporation, against expenses (including attorney’s fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action or proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reason to believe that such person’s conduct was unlawful. In a derivative action, i.e., one by or in the right of the corporation, the corporation is permitted to indemnify directors and officers against expenses (including attorney’s fees) actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with the defense or settlement of an action or suit if they acted in good faith and in a manner that they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made if such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that the defendant directors or officers are fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses despite such adjudication of liability.

Article 7 of the Verizon Communications’ restated certificate of incorporation makes mandatory the indemnification expressly authorized under the DGCL, except that the restated certificate of incorporation only provides for indemnification in derivative actions, suits or proceedings initiated by a director or officer if the initiation of such action, suit or proceeding was authorized by the board of directors.

The restated certificate of incorporation of Verizon Communications limits the personal liability of directors to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The directors and officers of Verizon Communications are insured against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act, which might be incurred by them in such capacities and against which they cannot be indemnified by Verizon Communications.

#### **Item 21. *Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.***

The “Exhibit Index” on pages II-6 and II-7 is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### **Item 22. *Undertakings.***

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the “Calculation of Registration Fee” table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Items 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this Form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.

(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Verizon Communications Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on July 9, 2015.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By: /s/ Anthony T. Skiadas

**Anthony T. Skiadas**  
(Senior Vice President and Controller)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
* _____ Shellye L. Archambeau	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Mark T. Bertolini	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Richard L. Carrión	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Melanie L. Healey	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ M. Frances Keeth	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Lowell C. McAdam	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	July 9, 2015
* _____ Donald T. Nicolaisen	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Clarence Otis, Jr.	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Rodney E. Slater	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Kathryn A. Tesija	Director	July 9, 2015
* _____ Gregory D. Wasson	Director	July 9, 2015

<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p>_____ Francis J. Shammo</p>	<p>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)</p>	<p>July 9, 2015</p>
<p>_____ /s/ Anthony T. Skiadas Anthony T. Skiadas</p>	<p>Senior Vice President and Controller (principal accounting officer)</p>	<p>July 9, 2015</p>

\* By: /s/ Anthony T. Skiadas  
 Anthony T. Skiadas  
 (as attorney-in-fact)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Verizon Communications Inc. (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, Exhibit 3(a))
3.2	Bylaws of Verizon Communications Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Form 8-K filed on June 8, 2015, Exhibit 3(b))
4.1	Indenture between Verizon Communications Inc., both individually and as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank, as Trustee, dated as of December 1, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Verizon Global Funding Corp.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-64792, Exhibit 4.1)
4.2	First Supplemental Indenture between Verizon Communications Inc., both individually and as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank, as Trustee, dated as of May 15, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Verizon Global Funding Corp.'s Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-67412, Exhibit 4.2)
4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture between Verizon Communications Inc., both individually and as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank, as Trustee, dated as of September 29, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2006, Exhibit 4.1)
4.4	Third Supplemental Indenture between Verizon Communications Inc., both individually and as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank, as Trustee, dated as of February 1, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2006, Exhibit 4.2)
4.5	Form of 4.272% notes due 2036 Rule 144A Global Note*
4.6	Form of 4.272% notes due 2036 Regulation S Global Note*
4.7	Form of 4.522% notes due 2048 Rule 144A Global Note*
4.8	Form of 4.522% notes due 2048 Regulation S Global Note*
4.9	Form of 4.672% notes due 2055 Rule 144A Global Note*
4.10	Form of 4.672% notes due 2055 Regulation S Global Note*
4.11	Registration Rights Agreement, dated March 13, 2015*
4.12	Form of 4.272% notes due 2036 *
4.13	Form of 4.522% notes due 2048 *
4.14	Form of 4.672% notes due 2055 *

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5.1	Opinion and Consent of William L. Horton, Jr., Esq.*
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges of Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, Exhibit 12)
12.2	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges of Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, Exhibit 12)
21	List of principal subsidiaries of Verizon (incorporated by reference to Verizon Communications Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, Exhibit 21)
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP*
23.2	Consent of William L. Horton, Jr., Esq. (contained in opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)*
24.1	Powers of Attorney*
25.1	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 for Verizon Communications Inc. Indenture*
99.1	Form of Letter of Transmittal*

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\* Filed herewith.



THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT, (A) UNTIL ONE YEAR (OR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD AS MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AFTER MARCH 13, 2015, SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (1) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A NON-U.S. PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES, (4) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (5) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION, (B) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO (A)(2) OR (A)(5) ABOVE, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE TO REQUEST IN ADVANCE OF ANY OFFER, SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER, CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION, AND AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, IN EACH CASE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE AND (C) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSES (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS"), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and  
Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: 92343V CU6  
ISIN No: US92343VCU61  
Common Code: 119520584

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.272% Notes due 2036

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on January 15, 2036, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, as defined in and payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. Interest and Additional Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing July 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.272% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the January 1 or July 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest and Additional Interest, if any, that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated: March 13, 2015

## (FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest or Additional Interest, if any, on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments

of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued and Additional Interest, if any, to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest and Additional Interest, if any, due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.



## SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM.

THE FOREGOING LEGEND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS SECURITY AFTER 40 DAYS BEGINNING ON AND INCLUDING THE LATER OF (A) THE DATE ON WHICH THE SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AND (B) MARCH 13, 2015.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (“ERISA”), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE “CODE”), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE (“SIMILAR LAWS”), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE “PLAN ASSETS” OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
as revised by the Schedule of Increases and  
Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: U9221A AK4  
ISIN No: USU9221AAK44  
Common Code: 119521190

Verizon Communications Inc.  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest and Additional Interest, if any, due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.



No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT, (A) UNTIL ONE YEAR (OR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD AS MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AFTER MARCH 13, 2015, SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (1) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A NON-U.S. PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES, (4) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (5) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION, (B) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO (A)(2) OR (A)(5) ABOVE, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE TO REQUEST IN ADVANCE OF ANY OFFER, SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER, CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION, AND AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, IN EACH CASE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE AND (C) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSES (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS"), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: 92343V CW2  
ISIN No: US92343VCW28  
Common Code: 119520746

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.522% Notes due 2048

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on September 15, 2048, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, as defined in and payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. Interest and Additional Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.522% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest and Additional Interest, if any, that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated: March 13, 2015

## (FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest or Additional Interest, if any, on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments

of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued and Additional Interest, if any, to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest and Additional Interest, if any, due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.



No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM.

THE FOREGOING LEGEND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS SECURITY AFTER 40 DAYS BEGINNING ON AND INCLUDING THE LATER OF (A) THE DATE ON WHICH THE SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AND (B) MARCH 13, 2015.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS"), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: U9221A AL2  
ISIN No: USU9221AAL27  
Common Code: 119521343

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.522% Notes due 2048

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on September 15, 2048, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, as defined in and payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. Interest and Additional Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.522% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest and Additional Interest, if any, that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated: March 13, 2015

## (FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest or Additional Interest, if any, on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments

of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued and Additional Interest, if any, to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest and Additional Interest, if any, due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.



No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT, (A) UNTIL ONE YEAR (OR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD AS MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AFTER MARCH 13, 2015, SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (1) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A NON-U.S. PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES, (4) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (5) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION, (B) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO (A)(2) OR (A)(5) ABOVE, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE TO REQUEST IN ADVANCE OF ANY OFFER, SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER, CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION, AND AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, IN EACH CASE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY AND TRUSTEE AND (C) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSES (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS"), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
as revised by the Schedule of Increases and  
Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: 92343V CY8  
ISIN No: US92343VCY83  
Common Code: 119521092

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.672% Notes due 2055

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on March 15, 2055, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, as defined in and payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. Interest and Additional Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.672% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest and Additional Interest, if any, that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM.

THE FOREGOING LEGEND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS SECURITY AFTER 40 DAYS BEGINNING ON AND INCLUDING THE LATER OF (A) THE DATE ON WHICH THE SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AND (B) MARCH 13, 2015.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (I) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (“ERISA”), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE “CODE”), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE (“SIMILAR LAWS”), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE “PLAN ASSETS” OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (II) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
as revised by the Schedule of Increases and  
Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: U9221A AM0  
ISIN No: USU9221AAM00  
Common Code: 119521459

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.672% Notes due 2055

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the “Company”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on March 15, 2055, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, as defined in and payable pursuant to Section 5 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. Interest and Additional Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.672% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest and Additional Interest, if any, that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment and Additional Interest, if any, not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated: March 13, 2015

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated: March 13, 2015

## (FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest and Additional Interest, if any, thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest or Additional Interest, if any, on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments

of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued and Additional Interest, if any, to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest and Additional Interest, if any, due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.



No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest and Additional Interest, if any, on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Holders of the Debt Securities issued on the date hereof will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2015, among the Company and the other parties named in Schedule A thereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Company will furnish to any holder of Debt Securities upon request and without charge a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

4.272% Notes due 2036  
4.522% Notes due 2048  
4.672% Notes due 2055

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

March 13, 2015

Barclays Capital Inc.  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith  
Incorporated  
and the several other Dealer  
Managers named in  
Schedule A attached hereto

c/o Barclays Capital Inc.  
745 Seventh Avenue  
New York, New York 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Verizon Communications Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), proposes to issue its (i) 4.272% Notes due 2036 (the “Notes due 2036”) as part of the exchange offer (the “2036 Exchange Offer”) for its outstanding 5.15% notes due 2023 (the “2036 Exchange Offer Old Notes”), (ii) 4.522% Notes due 2048 (the “Notes due 2048”) as part of exchange offers (the “2048 Exchange Offers”) for its outstanding 6.90% notes due 2038, its 6.40% notes due 2038, its 6.40% notes due 2033, its 6.25% notes due 2037 and the 6.94% debentures due 2028 of GTE Corporation (together, the “2048 Exchange Offers Old Notes”) and (iii) its 4.672% Notes due 2055 (the “Notes due 2055”) and, together with the Notes due 2036 and the Notes due 2048, the “New Notes”) as part of the exchange offer (the “2055 Exchange Offer”) and, together with the 2036 Exchange Offer and the 2048 Exchange Offers, the “Initial Exchange Offers”) for its outstanding 6.55% notes due 2043 (the “2055 Exchange Offer Old Notes” and, together with the 2036 Exchange Offer Old Notes and the 2048 Exchange Offers Old Notes, the “Old Notes”), upon the terms set forth in a Dealer Manager Agreement (the “Dealer Manager Agreement”) dated February 11, 2015, between the Company and you as the dealer managers (the “Dealer Managers”), relating to the Initial Exchange Offers. The New Notes are to be issued under an indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, as supplemented (the “Indenture”), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank) (the “Trustee”). To induce the Dealer Managers to enter into the Dealer Manager Agreement and to satisfy a condition to your obligations thereunder, the Company agrees with you for your benefit and the benefit of the holders (each a “Holder” and, together, the “Holders”) from time to time of the New Notes or the Exchange Notes (as hereinafter defined), as follows:

**1. Definitions.** Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have their respective meanings set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized defined terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Act**” shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“**Additional Interest**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5 hereto.

“**Affiliate**” of any specified person shall mean any other person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person. For purposes of this definition, control of a person shall mean the power, direct or indirect, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person whether by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“**Broker-Dealer**” shall mean any broker or dealer registered as such under the Exchange Act.

“**Business Day**” shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in New York City, New York.

“**Commission**” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Company**” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“**Company Indemnitee**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(b) hereto.

“**Dealer Manager Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“**Dealer Managers**” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“**DTC**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(j)(i) hereto.

“**Exchange Act**” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“**Exchange Notes**” shall mean debt securities of the Company identical in all material respects to the New Notes of the applicable series (except that the additional interest provision and the transfer restrictions shall be modified or eliminated, as appropriate) and to be issued under the Indenture.

“**Exchange Offer Registration Period**” shall mean the 90-day period following the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, exclusive of any period during which any stop order shall be in effect suspending the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

**“Exchange Offer Registration Statement”** shall mean a registration statement of the Company on an appropriate form under the Act with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer, all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments thereto, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

**“Exchanging Dealer”** shall mean any Holder (which may include any Dealer Manager) that is a Broker-Dealer that acquired Exchange Notes in the Registered Exchange Offer in exchange for New Notes that it acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities (but not directly from the Company or any Affiliate of the Company).

**“Expiration Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(ii) hereto.

**“Holder”** and **“Holders”** shall have the meanings set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Holders’ Information”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b)(iii) hereto.

**“Indemnified Holder”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

**“Indenture”** shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Initial Exchange Offers”** shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Issuer FWP”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

**“Losses”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

**“New Notes”** shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Old Notes”** shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Prospectus”** shall mean the prospectus included in any Registration Statement (including, without limitation, a prospectus that discloses information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A under the Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the New Notes or the Exchange Notes covered by such Registration Statement, and all amendments and supplements thereto, including all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

**“Registered Exchange Offer”** shall mean the proposed offer of the Company to issue and deliver to the Holders of the New Notes that are not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission from participating in such offer, in exchange for the New Notes, a like aggregate principal amount of the Exchange Notes.

**“Registration Default”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5 hereto.

**“Registration Statement”** shall mean any Exchange Offer Registration Statement or Shelf Registration Statement that covers any of the New Notes or the Exchange Notes pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, any amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments (in each case including the Prospectus contained therein), all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

**“Settlement Date”** shall mean the date on which the Initial Exchange Offers have been consummated.

**“Shelf Registration”** shall mean a registration under the Act effected pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

**“Shelf Registration Period”** has the meaning set forth in Section 3(b)(ii) hereof.

**“Shelf Registration Statement”** shall mean a “shelf” registration statement of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 hereof which covers some or all of the New Notes, on an appropriate form under Rule 415 under the Act, or any similar rule that may be adopted by the Commission, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments and the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

**“Transfer-Restricted Securities”** means each New Note until the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which such New Note has been exchanged for a freely transferable applicable Exchange Note in the Registered Exchange Offer, (ii) the date on which it has been effectively registered under the Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement or (iii) the date on which it is sold to the public pursuant to Rule 144 (or any similar provision then in force under the Act) under the Act or may be sold by a person that is not an “affiliate” (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company without restriction or limitation pursuant to Rule 144 (or any similar provision then in force under the Act).

**“Trustee”** shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

**“Trust Indenture Act”** shall mean the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

## **2. Registered Exchange Offer.**

(a) The Company shall prepare and, not later than 120 days following the Settlement Date, shall file with the Commission the Exchange Offer Registration Statement with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer. The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to become effective under the Act within 210 days of the Settlement Date and (ii) complete the Registered Exchange Offer within 250 days of the Settlement Date.

(b) Upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Registered Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Registered Exchange Offer to enable each Holder electing to exchange New Notes for Exchange Notes (provided that such Holder is not an Affiliate of the

Company, acquires the Exchange Notes in the ordinary course of such Holder's business, has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Act) of the Exchange Notes and is not prohibited by any law, rule or policy of the Commission from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer) to trade such Exchange Notes without any limitations or restrictions under the Act and without material restrictions under the securities laws of a substantial proportion of the several states of the United States.

(c) In connection with the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

- (i) deliver or otherwise make available to each Holder a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents, provided, however, Holders will be deemed to have received the documents referred to above upon delivery of such documents to the Depository Trust Company for distribution to its participants;
- (ii) keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 20 Business Days and not more than 30 Business Days after the date on which notice thereof is delivered to the Holders (or, in each case, longer if required by applicable law) (the "Expiration Date");
- (iii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement continuously effective under the Act, supplemented and amended as required under the Act to ensure that it is available for sales of Exchange Notes by Exchanging Dealers during the Exchange Offer Registration Period;
- (iv) utilize the services of a depository for the Registered Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, which may be the Trustee or an Affiliate of the Trustee;
- (v) permit Holders to withdraw tendered New Notes at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time), on the last Business Day on which the Registered Exchange Offer is open;
- (vi) prior to effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, provide a supplemental letter to the Commission (A) stating that the Company is conducting the Registered Exchange Offer in reliance on the position of the Commission in the Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation (pub. avail. May 13, 1988), Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. (pub. avail. June 5, 1991) and Sherman & Sterling LLP (pub. avail. July 2, 1993) no-action letters, and (B) including a representation that the Company has not entered into any arrangement or understanding with any person to distribute the Exchange Notes to be received in the Registered

Exchange Offer and that, to the Company's information and belief, each Holder participating in the Registered Exchange Offer is acquiring the Exchange Notes in its ordinary course of business and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Notes; and

(vii) comply in all respects with all other applicable law.

(d) As soon as practicable after the close of the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

- (i) accept for exchange all New Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer;
- (ii) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation in accordance with Section 4(n) all New Notes so accepted for exchange; and
- (iii) cause the Trustee promptly to authenticate and deliver to each Holder of New Notes a principal amount of Exchange Notes equal to the principal amount of the New Notes of such Holder we have accepted for exchange.

(e) Each Holder is hereby deemed to acknowledge and agree that any Broker-Dealer and any such Holder using the Registered Exchange Offer to participate in a distribution of the Exchange Notes (x) could not under Commission policy as in effect on the date of this Agreement rely on the position of the Commission in the Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation (pub. avail. May 13, 1988) and Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. (pub. avail. June 5, 1991) no-action letters, as interpreted in the Commission's letter to Shearman & Sterling LLP (pub. avail. July 2, 1993) and similar no-action letters, and (y) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Act in connection with any secondary resale transaction, and any secondary resale transactions by such Holder must be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder and plan of distribution information required by Item 507 or 508, as applicable, of Regulation S-K under the Act if the resales are of Exchange Notes obtained by such Holder in exchange for New Notes acquired by such Holder directly from the Company or one of its Affiliates. Accordingly, each Holder participating in the Registered Exchange Offer shall be required to provide a written representation to the Company that, at the time of the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer:

- (i) any Exchange Notes received by such Holder will be acquired in the ordinary course of such Holder's business;
- (ii) such Holder is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, and will have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the New Notes or the Exchange Notes within the meaning of the Act; and
- (iii) such Holder is not an Affiliate of the Company.



(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the Company will ensure that (i) any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any Prospectus forming part thereof and any supplement thereto complies in all material respects with the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (ii) any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment thereto does not, when it becomes effective, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (iii) any Prospectus forming part of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, and any supplement to such Prospectus, does not, as of the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

### **3. Shelf Registration.**

(a) If the New Notes held by non-Affiliates of the Company are not freely tradable pursuant to Rule 144 of the Act and the applicable interpretations of the Commission and: (i) due to any change in law or in applicable interpretations thereof by the staff of the Commission, the Company determines upon the advice of outside counsel that it is not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as contemplated by Section 2 hereof; (ii) any Holder of New Notes notifies the Company in writing not more than 20 days after completion of the Registered Exchange Offer that it is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer (other than due to its status as a Broker-Dealer); or (iii) for any other reason, the Registered Exchange Offer is not consummated within 250 days after the Settlement Date; then the Company shall effect a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with subsection (b) below.

(b) (i) The Company shall, as promptly as practicable (but in no event more than 60 days after the Company is so required pursuant to Section 3(a)), file with the Commission, and thereafter shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause to be declared effective under the Act within 150 days after the Company is so required pursuant to Section 3(a), a Shelf Registration Statement covering resales of the New Notes by the Holders thereof from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution elected by such Holders and set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement; provided, however, that no Holder shall be entitled to have the New Notes held by it covered by such Shelf Registration Statement unless such Holder agrees in writing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such Holder; and provided further that with respect to a Shelf Registration Statement required pursuant to Section 3(a)(iii), the consummation of a Registered Exchange Offer shall relieve the Company of its obligations under this Section 3(b) but only in respect of its obligations under Section 3(a)(iii).

(ii) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the Act, in order to permit the Prospectus forming part thereof to be usable by Holders until the earlier of the date that is two years after the Settlement

Date or the date that all New Notes registered for resale under the Shelf Registration Statement (A) have been sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement or (B) are freely tradable by non-Affiliates of the Company pursuant to Rule 144 of the Act (and applicable interpretations thereof by the Commission's staff) (in any such case, such period being called the "Shelf Registration Period"). The Company shall be deemed not to have used its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement effective during the Shelf Registration Period if it voluntarily takes any action that would result in Holders of New Notes registered for resale thereby not being able to offer and sell such New Notes during that period, unless (A) such action is required by applicable law or (B) such action is taken by the Company in good faith and for valid business reasons (not including avoidance of the Company's obligations hereunder), including, without limitation, the acquisition or divestiture of assets, so long as the Company promptly thereafter complies with the requirements of Section 4(i) hereof, if applicable.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the Company will ensure that (A) any Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any Prospectus forming part thereof and any supplement thereto complies in all material respects with the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (B) any Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto (in either case, other than with respect to information included therein in reliance upon or in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Holder of Transfer-Restricted Securities specifically for use therein (the "Holders' Information")) does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (C) any Prospectus forming part of any Shelf Registration Statement, and any supplement to such prospectus (in either case, other than with respect to Holders' Information), does not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

**4. Additional Registration Procedures.** In connection with any Shelf Registration Statement and, to the extent applicable, any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The Company shall:

- (i) furnish to counsel for the Dealer Managers, prior to the filing thereof with the Commission, a copy of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any Shelf Registration Statement, and each amendment thereof, and each supplement, if any, to the Prospectus included therein (excluding all documents incorporated by reference therein after the initial filing);

- (ii) include the information set forth (A) in Annex A hereto on the cover of the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, (B) in Annex B hereto in a section of the Prospectus setting forth details of the Registered Exchange Offer, (C) in Annex C hereto in the underwriting or plan of distribution section of such Prospectus, and (D) in Annex D hereto in the letter of transmittal delivered pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer; and
- (iii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, include the information regarding the Holders that propose to sell New Notes pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement as selling security holders to the extent required by Item 7.01 of Regulation S-K (or, if permitted by Commission Rule 430B(b), in a Prospectus supplement that becomes a part thereof pursuant to Commission Rule 430B(f)); provided that, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to amend or supplement a Shelf Registration Statement or any Prospectus forming a part thereof after such Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission more than once per calendar month to reflect additional Holders or changes in the number of New Notes to be sold by any Holder.

(b) The Company shall advise counsel for the Dealer Managers or the Holders of New Notes covered by any Shelf Registration Statement and any Exchanging Dealer under any Exchange Offer Registration Statement that has provided in writing to the Company a telephone or facsimile number and address for notices, and, if requested by any such person, shall confirm such advice in writing (which notice pursuant to clauses (ii)-(v) below shall be accompanied by an instruction to suspend the use of the Prospectus until the Company shall have remedied the basis for such suspension):

- (i) when a Registration Statement and any amendment thereto has been filed with the Commission and when such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective;
- (ii) of any request by the Commission after the effective date of such Registration Statement for any amendment or supplement to a Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information in connection with the Registration Statement;
- (iii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose;
- (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the securities included in any Registration Statement for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation of any proceeding for such purpose; and

- (v) of the happening of any event that requires any change in a Registration Statement or the Prospectus so that, as of such date, the statements therein do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of the Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading provided that the Company shall not be required to disclose the reasons for such change.

Upon receiving notice of the occurrence of any of the events listed in subsections (ii) through (v) of this Section 4(b), each Holder and any Exchanging Dealer will, upon request by the Company in writing, immediately discontinue disposition of New Notes or Exchange Notes pursuant to a Registration Statement until such Holder's or Exchanging Dealer's receipt of copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 4(i) or until it is advised in writing by the Company that use of the applicable Prospectus may resume, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder or Exchanging Dealer will deliver to the Company (at the Company's expense) all copies in such Holder's or Exchanging Dealer's possession, other than permanent file copies, of the Prospectus covering such New Notes or Exchange Notes that was current at the time of receipt of such notice.

(c) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance and, if issued, to obtain the withdrawal at the earliest practicable time of any order suspending the effectiveness of any Registration Statement or the qualification of the securities therein for sale in any jurisdiction.

(d) Prior to the effective date of any Registration Statement, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify, or cooperate with the Holders of New Notes or Exchange Notes included therein and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification of, such New Notes or Exchange Notes for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as any such Holder reasonably requests in writing and do any and all other acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the offer and sale in such jurisdictions of the New Notes or Exchange Notes covered by such Registration Statement; provided that, the Company will not be required to qualify as a broker-dealer or generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified or to take any action which would subject it to general service of process or to taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(e) The Company shall furnish to each Holder of New Notes covered by any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge and upon request in writing, at least one conformed copy of such Shelf Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, and, if the Holder so requests in writing, all material incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits thereto.

(f) The Company shall, during the Shelf Registration Period, promptly deliver to each Holder of New Notes covered by any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus (including each preliminary Prospectus) included in such Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such person may reasonably request. The Company consents to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the foregoing in connection with the offering and sale of the New Notes covered by the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with applicable law and the terms hereof.

(g) The Company shall furnish to each Exchanging Dealer that so requests, without charge, at least one conformed copy of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, and, if the Exchanging Dealer so requests in writing, all material incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits thereto.

(h) The Company shall promptly deliver to you, each Exchanging Dealer and each other person required to deliver a prospectus during the Exchange Offer Registration Period, without charge, as many copies of the final Prospectus included in such Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as any such person may reasonably request. The Company consents to the use of such Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by you, any Exchanging Dealer and any such other person that may be required to deliver a prospectus following the Registered Exchange Offer in connection with the offering and sale of the Exchange Notes covered by the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with applicable law and the terms hereof.

(i) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by subsections (ii) through (v) of Section 4(b) hereof during the period for which the Company is required to maintain an effective Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly prepare a post-effective amendment to the applicable Registration Statement or an amendment or supplement to the related Prospectus or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the securities covered thereby, the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that, during the Exchange Offer Registration Period or the Shelf Registration Period, the Company shall not be required to amend or supplement a Registration Statement or Prospectus, in the event that, and for a period not to exceed 120 days in any consecutive 12-month period, the Company determines in good faith that the disclosure of any such event would be materially adverse to the Company or otherwise relates to a pending business transaction that has not yet been publicly disclosed. In such circumstances, the Exchange Offer Registration Period and the Shelf Registration Statement Period shall each be extended by the number of days from and including the date of the giving of a notice of suspension pursuant to Section 4(b) hereof to and including the date the Holders of New Notes and Exchanging Dealers shall have received such amended or supplemented Prospectus pursuant to this Section.

- (j) (i) Not later than the effective date of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall provide a CUSIP number for the Exchange Notes registered under the Exchange Offer Registration Statement. Not later than the date of the closing of the Exchange Offer, the Company shall provide the Trustee with printed certificates for such Exchange Notes, free of any restrictive legends, in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”).
- (ii) On the first Business Day following the effective date of any Shelf Registration Statement hereunder or as soon as possible thereafter, the Company shall use its reasonable efforts to establish with the Trustee a procedure by which Holders of New Notes that are “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Act may transfer, upon completion of a sale of New Notes under such Shelf Registration Statement, their interests therein to an “unrestricted” global security free of any stop or restriction on DTC’s system with respect to the New Notes, including the issuance of an applicable CUSIP number with respect to such unrestricted securities; provided, however that this Section 4(j)(ii) shall be applicable only to Holders that are named as selling Holders in the Shelf Registration Statement and agree in writing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such Holder. Upon compliance with the foregoing requirements of this Section 4(j)(ii), the Company shall provide the Trustee with printed certificates for such New Notes in a form eligible for deposit with DTC.

In the event the Company is unable to cause DTC to take the actions described in this Section 4(i), the Company shall take such actions reasonably necessary to provide, as soon as practicable, a CUSIP number, if necessary, for the New Notes registered and sold under the Shelf Registration Statement and to cause the CUSIP number described in clause (i) or clause (ii) above to be assigned to the New Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be (or to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the New Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be, to which such number may be assigned).

(k) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission and shall make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable after the effective date of the applicable Registration Statement an earnings statement satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act.

(l) The Company may require each Holder of New Notes to be registered pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement to furnish to the Company such information regarding the Holder and the distribution of such New Notes as the Company may from time to time reasonably require for inclusion in such Shelf Registration Statement, and each such Holder shall promptly furnish to the Company any additional information required in order to make the information previously disclosed to the Company under this

subsection (l) not misleading. The Company may exclude from such Shelf Registration Statement the New Notes of any Holder that fails to furnish such information within a reasonable time after receiving such request.

(m) The Company shall, if requested, use its commercially reasonable efforts to incorporate promptly in a Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment to a Shelf Registration Statement such information as a Holder of New Notes to be sold pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement may reasonably provide from time to time to the Company in writing for inclusion in a Prospectus or any Shelf Registration Statement concerning such Holder and the distribution of such Holder's New Notes and shall make all required filings of such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of notification of the matters to be incorporated in such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to make such updates more than once per month.

(n) If a Registered Exchange Offer is to be consummated, upon delivery of the New Notes by Holders to the Company (or to such other person as directed by the Company) in exchange for the Exchange Notes, the Company shall mark, or cause to be marked, on the New Notes so exchanged that such New Notes are being cancelled in exchange for the Exchange Notes. In no event shall the New Notes be marked as paid or otherwise satisfied.

## **5. Additional Interest.**

(a) The parties hereto acknowledge that the Holders of New Notes will suffer damages if the Company fails to perform its obligations under Section 2 or Section 3 hereof and that it would not be feasible to ascertain the extent of such damages. Accordingly, in the event that:

- (i) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has not been filed on or prior to the 120th day after the Settlement Date, and the Company has not determined upon written advice of outside counsel that due to a change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the Commission, that the Company is not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as provided in Section 3(a)(i);
- (ii) the Registered Exchange Offer has not been completed within 250 days of the Settlement Date, and the Company has not determined upon written advice of outside counsel that due to a change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the Commission, that the Company is not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as provided in Section 3(a)(i);
- (iii) the Shelf Registration Statement, if applicable, has not been declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the 150th day after so required pursuant to Section 3 hereof;

- (iv) after the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has been declared effective, the Exchange Offer Registration Statement ceases to be effective or usable prior to the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer (unless such ineffectiveness or inability to use the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is cured within the 250-day period after the Settlement Date); or
- (v) after the Shelf Registration Statement, if applicable, has been declared effective, the Shelf Registration Statement ceases to be effective or usable for a period of time that exceeds 120 days in the aggregate in any 12-month period in which it is required to be effective under this Agreement;

(each such event referred to in the foregoing clauses (i) through (v), a “Registration Default”), then additional interest (“Additional Interest”) will accrue on the principal amount of the New Notes affected thereby (in addition to the stated interest on the New Notes), from and including the date on which any Registration Default first occurs and while any such Registration Default has occurred and is continuing, to but not including, the date on which all filings, determinations, declarations of effectiveness and consummations, as the case may be, have been achieved which, if achieved on a timely basis, would have prevented the occurrence of all of the then existing Registration Defaults. Additional Interest will accrue at a rate of 0.25% per annum while one or more Registration Defaults is continuing, and will be payable at the same time, to the same persons and in the same manner as ordinary interest, until the date on which all filings, determinations, declarations of effectiveness and consummations referred to in the preceding sentence have been achieved, on which date the interest rate on the applicable New Notes will revert to the interest rate originally borne by such New Notes.

(b) The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately upon its knowledge of the happening of each and every Registration Default. The Company shall pay the Additional Interest due on the New Notes by depositing with the Trustee (which shall not be the Company for these purposes), in trust, for the benefit of the Holders entitled thereto, prior to 11:00 a.m. on the next interest payment date specified in the global notes representing the applicable New Notes, sums sufficient to pay the Additional Interest then due. The Additional Interest due shall be payable on each interest payment date specified by the global notes representing the applicable New Notes to the record holders entitled to receive the interest payment to be made on such interest payment date.

(c) The parties hereto agree that the Additional Interest provided for in this Section 5 constitutes a reasonable estimate of the damages that will be suffered by Holders of New Notes by reason of the happening of any Registration Default.

(d) All of the Company’s obligations set forth in this Section 5 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.



(e) Any Additional Interest under this Section 5 will constitute liquidated damages and will be the exclusive remedy, monetary or otherwise, available to any holder of New Notes with respect to any Registration Default.

**6. Registration Expenses.** The Company shall bear all expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations under Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4 hereof and, in the case of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, will reimburse the Dealer Managers for the reasonable fees and disbursements of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, acting as counsel to the Dealer Managers in connection therewith. Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not have any obligation whatsoever in respect of any underwriters' discounts or commissions, brokerage commissions, dealers' selling concessions, transfer taxes or, except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, any other selling expenses incurred in connection with the underwriting, offering or sale of New Notes or Exchange Notes by or on behalf of any person.

## **7. Indemnification and Contribution.**

(a) The Company agrees (i) to indemnify and hold each Holder of New Notes covered by any Shelf Registration Statement, each Exchanging Dealer with respect to any Prospectus delivery as contemplated in Section 4(h) hereof and each person who controls any such Holder or Exchanging Dealer within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act (collectively, referred to as the "Indemnified Holders") harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities or claims (or actions in respect thereof) ("Losses") to the extent that such Losses arise out of or are based upon (A) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in any preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or any "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Act, an "Issuer FWP"), authorized by the Company or (B) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of a Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such Indemnified Holder, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by it in connection with investigating or defending any such Losses; provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such Losses arise out of or are based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any such Indemnified Holder specifically for inclusion therein and provided, further, that with respect to any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in a Shelf Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in an Issuer FWP or any preliminary Prospectus relating to a Shelf Registration Statement, the indemnity agreement contained in this subsection (a) shall not inure to the benefit of any Indemnified Holder from whom the person asserting any such Losses purchased the New Notes or Exchange Notes concerned, to the extent that a Prospectus relating to such New Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be, was required to be delivered (including through satisfaction of the conditions of Rule 172 under the Act) by such Indemnified

Holder or any Affiliate thereof under the Act in connection with such purchase and any such Losses of such Indemnified Holder result from the fact that there was not conveyed to such person, at or prior to the time of the sale of such New Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be, to such person, an amended or supplemented Prospectus or, if applicable, an Issuer FWP correcting such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission if the Company had previously furnished copies thereof to such Indemnified Holder; provided further, however, that this indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have to such Indemnified Holder.

(b) Each Holder of New Notes covered by a Shelf Registration Statement and each Exchanging Dealer with respect to any Prospectus delivery as contemplated in Section 4(h) hereof, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act (each, a “Company Indemnitee”), to the same extent as the indemnity in Section 7(a) from the Company to each such Holder and Exchanging Dealer, but only (i) with reference to written information relating to such Holder or Exchanging Dealer furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder or Exchanging Dealer specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity or (ii) (A) such Holder of New Notes disposed of New Notes to the person asserting the claim from which such Losses arose pursuant to a Registration Statement and sent or delivered, or was required by law to send or deliver, a Prospectus to such person in connection with such disposition, (B) such Holder of New Notes received a notice of suspension contemplated in Section 4(b) prior to the date of such disposition and (C) such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was the reason for the notice of suspension contemplated in Section 4(b), and further agrees to reimburse each Company Indemnitee for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Company Indemnitee in connection with investigating or defending or preparing to defend against any such Losses as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that no such Holder or Exchanging Dealer shall be liable for any Losses hereunder in excess of the amount of net proceeds received by such Holder or Exchanging Dealer from the sale of New Notes or Exchange Notes pursuant to such Registration Statement. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liability which any such Holder or Exchanging Dealer may otherwise have.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party of notice of the commencement of any action, proceeding or investigation, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof, but the failure so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability which it may otherwise have to such indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section 7 except to the extent that such indemnifying party suffers actual prejudice as a result of such failure, and in no event shall such failure relieve the indemnifying party from any obligation to provide reimbursement and contribution to such indemnified party. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel of the indemnifying party’s choice at the indemnifying party’s expense to represent the indemnified party in any action for

which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified party or parties except as set forth below); provided, however, that such counsel shall be reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel to represent the indemnified party in an action, the indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest; (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party; (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action; or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified party to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. An indemnified party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnifying party (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), settle, compromise consent to the entry of judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any such claim, action proceeding or investigation. The indemnifying party shall not, without the prior written consent of the affected indemnified parties (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) settle or compromise, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each such indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 7 shall for any reason be unavailable to an indemnified party under Section 7(a) or Section 7(b) hereof in respect of any Losses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such Losses in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Indemnified Holders on the other hand from the exchange of the New Notes, pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer. If, however, this allocation is not permitted by applicable law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such Losses in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Indemnified Holders on the other hand from the exchange of the New Notes, pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, and the relative fault of Company on the one hand and the Indemnified Holders on the other hand with respect to the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to whether the untrue or alleged untrue

statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Indemnified Holders, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the Losses referred to above in this Section 7(d) shall be deemed to include, for purposes of this Section 7(d), any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7(d), no Indemnified Holder shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the net proceeds received by such Indemnified Holder from the sale of the New Notes pursuant to a Registration Statement exceeds the amount of damages which such Indemnified Holders have otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The provisions of this Section 7 shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Holder or the Company or any of the officers, directors, employees, agents or controlling persons referred to in this Section 7, and shall survive the sale by a Holder of securities covered by a Registration Statement.

**8. Rule 144 and 144A.** The Company shall, upon request of any Holder of Transfer-Restricted Securities, make available such information as is required so long as necessary to permit sales of such Holder's securities pursuant to Rule 144A. Upon the written request of any Holder of Transfer-Restricted Securities, the Company shall deliver to such Holder a written statement as to whether it has complied with such requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 8 shall be deemed to require the Company to register any of its securities pursuant to the Exchange Act, or file reports thereunder, except as may be required by law.

**9. No Inconsistent Agreements.** The Company has not, as of the date hereof, entered into, nor shall it on or after the date hereof, enter into, any agreement with respect to any of its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders herein or that otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof.

**10. Timing of Obligations.** If any of the Company's obligations pursuant to Section 2, Section 3 or Section 5 hereof would come due on a day that is not a Business Day, then such obligation shall be due on the next succeeding Business Day.

**11. Amendments and Waivers.** For each series of New Notes, the provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, in any case as to such series of New Notes or the Exchange Notes of such series of New Notes, unless the Company has obtained the written consent of Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such series of New Notes and the Exchange Notes of such series that constitute Transfer-Restricted Securities, taken as a single class. In addition, a waiver or consent to depart from the provisions hereof with

respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders whose Transfer-Restricted Securities or Exchange Notes are being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement and that does not directly or indirectly affect the rights of other Holders may be given by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Transfer-Restricted Securities or Exchange Securities, as applicable, being sold by such Holders pursuant to such Registration Statement.

**12. Notices.** All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, first-class mail, telex, telecopier or air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery:

(a) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Section 12, which address initially is, with respect to each Holder, the address of such Holder maintained by the Registrar under the Indenture;

(b) if to you, initially at the address set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement; and

(c) if to the Company, initially at the Company's address set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement.

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given when received.

Each party hereto by notice to the other parties may designate additional or different addresses of such party for subsequent notices or communications.

**13. Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors, assigns and transferees of each of the parties, including, without limitation and without need for an express assignment, subsequent Holders. If any transferee of any Holder shall acquire New Notes or Exchange Notes in any manner, whether by operation of law or otherwise, such Holder shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and subject to all the terms of this Agreement, and by taking and holding such New Notes or Exchange Notes such transferee shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to perform all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

**14. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

**15. Headings.** The headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

**16. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflict of laws to the extent the same are not mandatorily applicable by statute and would permit or require the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

**17. Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstances, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect for any reason, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions hereof shall not be in any way impaired or affected thereby, it being intended that all of the rights and privileges of the parties shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**18. Termination.** This Agreement and the obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate upon the expiration of the Shelf Registration Period, except for any liabilities or obligations under Section 6 and Section 7 hereof and the obligations to make payments of and provide for additional interest under Section 5 hereof to the extent such damages accrue prior to the end of the Shelf Registration Period, each of which shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the Dealer Managers.

Very truly yours,

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By: /s/ Tracy Krause

Name: Tracy Krause

Title: Assistant Treasurer

[Registration Rights Agreement]

BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.

By: /s/ Pamela Au

Name: Pamela Au

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]



GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By: /s/ Daniel Young

Name: Daniel Young

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH  
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ David Scott  
Name: David Scott  
Title: Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By: /s/ Spencer W. Haim

Name: Spencer W. Haim

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

MITSUBISHI UFJ SECURITIES (USA), INC.

By: /s/ Richard Testa

Name: Richard Testa

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

MIZUHO SECURITIES USA INC.

By: /s/ James M. Shepard

Name: James M. Shepard

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

By: /s/ Scott G. Primrose

Name: Scott G. Primrose

Title: Authorized Signatory

[Registration Rights Agreement]

RBS SECURITIES INC.

By: /s/ Steve Fitzpatrick  
Name: Steve Fitzpatrick  
Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

SANTANDER INVESTMENT SECURITIES INC.

By: /s/ Richard Zobkiw

Name: Richard Zobkiw

Title: Sr. Vice President

By: /s/ Conor Nugent

Name: Conor Nugent

Title: Vice President

[Registration Rights Agreement]



UBS SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Andrew Cardamone

Name: Andrew Cardamone

Title: Executive Director

By: /s/ Stephen Chang

Name: Stephen Chang

Title: Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

BNY MELLON CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

By: /s/ Daniel Klinger

Name: Daniel Klinger

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

LLOYDS SECURITIES INC.

By: /s/ Samir Lalvani  
Name: Samir Lalvani  
Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

LEBENTHAL & CO., LLC

By: /s/ Steven B. Willis

Name: Steven B. Willis

Title: Senior Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

LOOP CAPITAL MARKETS LLC

By: /s/ Sidney Dillard  
Name: Sidney Dillard  
Title: Partner

[Registration Rights Agreement]

MISCHLER FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Doyle L. Holmes

Name: Doyle L. Holmes

Title: President

[Registration Rights Agreement]

PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC

By: /s/ Robert W. Thomas

Name: Robert W. Thomas

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

SAMUEL A. RAMIREZ & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Robert W. Hong

Name: Robert W. Hong

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]



SMBC NIKKO SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Yoshihiro Satake

Name: Yoshihiro Satake

Title: Head of Debt Capital Markets

[Registration Rights Agreement]

U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Kyle Stegemeyer

Name: Kyle Stegemeyer

Title: Managing Director

[Registration Rights Agreement]

THE WILLIAMS CAPITAL GROUP, L.P.

By: /s/ Jonathan Levin

Name: Jonathan Levin

Title: Principal

[Registration Rights Agreement]

## SCHEDULE A

The names of Dealer Managers are as follows:

**Name**

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Barclays Capital Inc.  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith  
Incorporated  
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC  
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.  
Mizuho Securities USA Inc.  
RBC Capital Markets, LLC  
RBS Securities Inc.  
Santander Investment Securities Inc.  
UBS Securities LLC  
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC  
Lloyds Securities Inc.  
Lebenthal & Co., LLC  
Loop Capital Markets LLC  
Mischler Financial Group, Inc.  
PNC Capital Markets LLC  
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.  
SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc.  
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.  
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

Each Broker-Dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. The Letter of Transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a Broker-Dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a Broker-Dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Notes received in exchange for New Notes where such New Notes were acquired by such Broker-Dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, starting on the date the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective and ending on the close of business 90 days after such date, it will make this Prospectus available to any Broker-Dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See “Plan of Distribution.”

## **ANNEX B**

Each Broker-Dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for New Notes, where such New Notes were acquired by such Broker-Dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. See “Plan of Distribution.”

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

Each Broker-Dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus (the “Prospectus”) in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a Broker-Dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Notes received in exchange for New Notes where such New Notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, starting on the date the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective and ending on the close of business 90 days after such date, they will make this Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any Broker-Dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, all dealers effecting transactions in the Exchange Notes may be required to deliver a prospectus.

The Company will not receive any proceeds from any sale of Exchange Notes by Broker-Dealers. Exchange Notes received by Broker-Dealers for their own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the Exchange Notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such Broker-Dealer or the purchasers of any such Exchange Notes. Any Broker-Dealer that resells Exchange Notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such Exchange Notes may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act and any profit of any such resale of Exchange Notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Act. The Letter of Transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a Broker-Dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act.

For a period of 90 days after the date the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective, the Company shall promptly send additional copies of this Prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this Prospectus to any Broker-Dealer that requests such documents in the Letter of Transmittal. The Company has agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Registered Exchange Offer other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the New Notes (including any Broker-Dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Act.

[If applicable, add information required by Items 507 and 508 of Regulation S-K.]

## Rider A

- ☐ CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER WHO HOLDS NEW NOTES ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF MARKET MAKING OR OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH RESALES OF EXCHANGE NOTES RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR SUCH NEW NOTES.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rider B

If the undersigned is not a Broker-Dealer, the undersigned represents that it acquired the Exchange Notes in the ordinary course of its business, it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of Exchange Notes and it has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in a distribution of the Exchange Notes. If the undersigned is a Broker-Dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for New Notes, it represents that the New Notes to be exchanged for Exchange Notes were acquired by it as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act.



UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: 92343V CV4  
ISIN No: US92343VCV45  
Common Code: 119520657

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.272% Notes due 2036

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on January 15, 2036, to pay interest on said principal sum from July 15, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest, if any, will be payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 2016. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.272% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the January 1 or July 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated:

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated:

(FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or

director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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**Exhibit 4.13**

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and  
Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

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Common Code: 119520967

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.522% Notes due 2048

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on September 15, 2048, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.522% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Debt Security are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated:

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated:

(FORM OF REVERSE OF DEBT SECURITY)

This Debt Security is one of a duly authorized series of Debt Securities of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the “Securities”), all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2000, duly executed and delivered by the Company, as successor in interest to Verizon Global Funding Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, formerly known as First Union National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented (the “Indenture”), to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the holders of the Securities. By the terms of the Indenture, the Securities are issuable in series which may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as in the Indenture provided. This Debt Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof (herein called the “Debt Securities”) unlimited in aggregate principal amount.

Beneficial interests in this global Debt Security may be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. This global Debt Security shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form registered in the names of persons other than the Depository or its nominee only if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as the Depository or if at any time such Depository is no longer registered or in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or other applicable statute and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate that the global Debt Security shall be so exchangeable. To the extent that the global Debt Security is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence, it shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Debt Securities represented by this global Debt Security that may be exchanged for Debt Securities in definitive form under the circumstances described in this paragraph will be exchangeable only for Debt Securities in definitive form issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this global Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Debt Securities may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of the Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, among other things, (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Securities of any series, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security so affected or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the holders of each Debt Security then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time outstanding, on behalf of the holders of Securities of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any of the Securities of such series. Any such consent or waiver by the registered holder of this Debt Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of this Debt Security and of any Debt Security issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Debt Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Debt Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Debt Security at the times and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Debt Securities are issuable as registered Debt Securities without coupons.

The Debt Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. Debt Securities may be exchanged, upon presentation thereof for that purpose, at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York, for other Debt Securities of authorized denominations, and for a like aggregate principal amount and series, and upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto.

The Debt Securities may be redeemed on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice given as provided in the Indenture, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time prior to maturity at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Statistical Release H. 15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities,” for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

“Business Day” means any calendar day that is not a Saturday or a Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (the “Remaining Life”) of the Debt Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Debt Security.

“Independent Investment Banker” means an independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing appointed by the Company.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means (i) the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker is unable to obtain three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) any independent investment banking or commercial banking institution of national standing and any of its successors appointed by the Company and any of its successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States, referred to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, the Company shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker and approved in writing by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date. In the event of redemption of this Debt Security in part only, a new Debt Security of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof and otherwise having the same terms as this Debt Security shall be issued in the name of the holder hereof upon the presentation and surrender hereof.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Debt Security is transferable by the registered holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Debt Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the City of New York, State of New York accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar duly executed by the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Debt Securities of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or

director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Indenture.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL DEBT SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this global Debt Security have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Amount of increase in principal amount of this global Debt Security</u>	<u>Principal amount of this global Debt Security following such decrease or increase</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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**Exhibit 4.14**

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

No. \_\_\_\_

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as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto

CUSIP No: 92343V CZ5  
ISIN No: US92343VCZ53  
Common Code: 119521092

Verizon Communications Inc.  
4.672% Notes due 2055

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein referred to as the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_), as revised by the Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Debt Security attached hereto, on March 15, 2055, to pay interest on said principal sum from March 13, 2015, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest will be payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Interest will accrue at the rate of 4.672% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest at the same rate per annum.

The interest installment so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in said Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the March 1 or September 1, as the case may be (whether or not a Business Day), next preceding such interest payment date. However, interest that the Company pays on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable. Any such interest installment not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on such regular record date, and may be paid to the person in whose name this Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice of which shall be given to the registered holders of this series of Debt Securities as provided in the Indenture, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Debt Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to. The principal of and the interest on this Debt Security shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the City of New York, State of New York in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. This Debt Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed.

Dated:

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:



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U.S. Bank National Association  
as Trustee, Authenticating Agent and Security Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Dated:

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Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Debt Security, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Debt Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar for the Debt Securities) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and (subject to Section 310 of the Indenture) interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar for the Debt Securities shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Debt Security, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or

director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

The Depository by acceptance of this global Debt Security agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey any beneficial interest in this global Debt Security unless such beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for Debt Securities of this series.

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[LETTERHEAD OF WILLIAM L. HORTON, JR.]

July 9, 2015

Re: Verizon Communications Inc. Registration Statement  
on Form S-4 under the Securities Act of 1933

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement") which Verizon Communications Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pertaining to the offer by the Company to exchange (i) up to \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.272% notes due 2036 for a like principal amount of its 4.272% notes due 2036 that have been registered under the Securities Act (the "Exchange Notes due 2036"), (ii) up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.522% notes due 2048 for a like principal amount of its 4.522% notes due 2048 that have been registered under the Securities Act (the "Exchange Notes due 2048") and (iii) up to \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.672% notes due 2055 for a like principal amount of its 4.672% notes due 2055 that have been registered under the Securities Act (the "Exchange Notes due 2055," and together with the Exchange Notes due 2036 and the Exchange Notes due 2048, the "Exchange Notes"), each as described in the Registration Statement and the accompanying Prospectus.

I, or attorneys under my direction, have reviewed the Registration Statement, the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, and such other documents and records as I have deemed appropriate for the purpose of giving this opinion.

Based upon the foregoing, I am of the opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
2. The Exchange Notes, upon the issuance and sale thereof in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement and the indenture referenced in the Prospectus, will be legally issued and will be binding obligations of the Company, except to the extent that enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, or similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforceability of creditor's rights.

I express no opinion as to matters governed by any laws other than the laws of the State of New York, the Federal laws of the United States of America and the corporate laws of the State of Delaware.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Registration Statement and to being named under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William L. Horton Jr.

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” in the Registration Statement (Form S-4) and related Prospectus of Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”) for the registration of \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036, \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048 and \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055 and to the incorporation by reference therein of our reports dated February 23, 2015, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Verizon and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Verizon, incorporated by reference in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York

July 9, 2015

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/s/ Shellye L. Archambeau  
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Shellye L. Archambeau



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/s/ Mark T. Bertolini  
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/s/ Richard L. Carrión  
Richard L. Carrión

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/s/ Melanie L. Healey  
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/s/ Kathryn A. Tesija  
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/s/ Francis J. Shammo  
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Francis J. Shammo

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/s/ Anthony T. Skiadas  
Anthony T. Skiadas

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM T-1

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### STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

☐ Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

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## U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

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31-0841368  
I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.

800 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
(Address of principal executive offices)

55402  
(Zip Code)

George J. Rayzis  
U.S. Bank National Association  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2000  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 761-9317  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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## Verizon Communications Inc.

(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

23-2259884  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1095 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10036  
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\$2,868,704,000 4.272% Senior Notes due 2036  
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(Title of the Indenture Securities)

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## **FORM T-1**

**Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.

- a) *Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.*  
Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D.C.
- b) *Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.*  
Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.*  
None

**Items 3-15** *Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.*

**Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.*

- 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee.\*
- 2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
- 3. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, attached as Exhibit 3.
- 4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee.\*\*
- 5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
- 7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of March 31, 2015 published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25.1 to Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on S-4, Registration Number 333-128217 filed on November 15, 2005.

\*\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25.1 to registration statement on form S-3ASR, Registration Number 333-199863 filed on November 5, 2014.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015.

By: /s/ George J. Rayzis

George J. Rayzis  
Vice President

**Exhibit 2**



Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

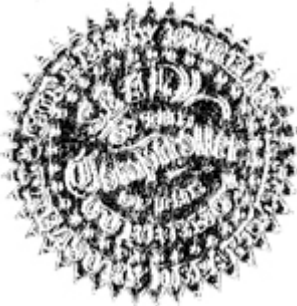
Washington, DC 20219

**CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

I, Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.
2. "U.S. Bank National Association," Cincinnati, Ohio (Charter No. 24), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today,  
January 21, 2015, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and caused my seal  
of office to be affixed to these presents at  
the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City  
of Washington, District of Columbia.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Curry'.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Comptroller of the Currency



**Exhibit 3**



Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, DC 20219

**CERTIFICATION OF FIDUCIARY POWERS**

I, Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

1. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.

2. "U.S. Bank National Association," Cincinnati, Ohio (Charter No. 24), was granted, under the hand and seal of the Comptroller, the right to act in all fiduciary capacities authorized under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved September 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 668, 12 USC 92a, and that the authority so granted remains in full force and effect on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today,  
January 21, 2015, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and caused my seal of  
office to be affixed to these presents at the  
U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City  
of Washington, District of Columbia.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Curry".

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Comptroller of the Currency

**Exhibit 6**

**CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: July 9, 2015

By: /s/ George J Rayzis  
George J. Rayzis  
Vice President

**Exhibit 7**  
**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**As of 3/31/2015**

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	<u>3/31/2015</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions	\$ 14,048,386
Securities	101,980,067
Federal Funds	48,958
Loans & Lease Financing Receivables	248,152,881
Fixed Assets	4,794,618
Intangible Assets	12,898,132
Other Assets	23,440,131
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$405,363,173</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Deposits	\$297,444,787
Fed Funds	1,856,185
Treasury Demand Notes	0
Trading Liabilities	1,179,175
Other Borrowed Money	46,898,693
Acceptances	0
Subordinated Notes and Debentures	3,650,000
Other Liabilities	12,682,543
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$363,711,383</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Common and Preferred Stock	18,200
Surplus	14,266,400
Undivided Profits	26,511,651
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries	855,539
<b>Total Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$ 41,651,790</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$405,363,173</b>

**THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken you should immediately consult your broker, bank manager, lawyer, accountant, investment adviser or other professional adviser.**

**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

**Relating to the**

**Verizon Communications Inc.**

**Offer to Exchange**

**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036  
for**

**\$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.272% notes due 2036  
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”)**

**Offer to Exchange**

**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048  
for**

**\$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.522% notes due 2048  
that have been registered under the Securities Act**

**Offer to Exchange**

**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055  
for**

**\$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.672% notes due 2055  
that have been registered under the Securities Act**

**pursuant to the Prospectus, dated                      , 2015**

The exchange offers (as defined below) will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on                      , 2015, unless extended by the Company (as defined below) with respect to any or all series of original notes (as defined below) (such date and time, as it may be extended, the “expiration date”). Tendered original notes (as defined below) may be withdrawn at any time at or prior to the expiration date.

***Delivery To: U.S. Bank National Association, Exchange Agent***

***By Mail:***

U.S. Bank National Association  
Attn: Specialized Finance  
60 Livingston Ave – EP-MN-WS2N  
St. Paul, MN 55107-2292

***By Hand or Overnight Courier:***

U.S. Bank National Association  
Attn: Specialized Finance  
111 Fillmore Ave E  
St. Paul, MN 55107-1402

***For information or confirmation by email or telephone:***

651-466-7150  
cts.specfinance@usbank.com

**DELIVERY OF THIS INSTRUMENT TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID DELIVERY.**

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she has received and reviewed the prospectus, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 (the “Prospectus”), of Verizon Communications Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and this letter of transmittal (the “Letter of Transmittal”), which together constitute the Company’s offers to exchange (the “exchange offers”): (i) up to \$2,868,704,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.272% notes due 2036 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CU6 and U9221A AK4) (the “original notes due 2036”) for a like principal amount of its 4.272% notes due 2036 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92342V CV4) (the “exchange notes due 2036”), (ii) up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.522% notes due 2048 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CW2 and U9221A AL2) (the “original notes due 2048”) for a like principal amount of its 4.522% notes due 2048 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92343V CX0) (the “exchange notes due 2048”) and (iii) up to \$5,499,999,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.672% notes due 2055 (CUSIP Nos. 92343V CY8 and U9221A AM0) (the “original notes due 2055”) and, together with the original notes due 2036 and the original notes due 2048, the “original notes”) for a like principal amount of its 4.672% notes due 2055 that have been registered under the Securities Act (CUSIP No. 92343V CZ5) (the “exchange notes due 2055”) and, together with the exchange notes due 2036 and the exchange notes due 2048, the “exchange notes”).

For each original note accepted for exchange, the holder of such original note will receive an exchange note of the corresponding series having a principal amount equal to that of the surrendered original note. The Exchange Notes due 2036 will bear interest from July 15, 2015, which will be the most recent date to which interest on the Original Notes due 2036 will have been paid prior to the issuance of the Exchange Notes due 2036. The Exchange Notes due 2048 and the Exchange Notes due 2055 will bear interest from March 13, 2015. Original notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue interest from and after the date of completion of the relevant exchange offer. Holders of original notes whose original notes are accepted for exchange will not receive any payment for accrued interest on the original notes otherwise payable on any interest payment date, the record date for which occurs on or after completion of the relevant exchange offer and will be deemed to have waived their rights to receive the accrued interest on the original notes.

Original notes tendered prior to the expiration date may be withdrawn at any time at or prior to the expiration date.

This Letter of Transmittal is to be completed by a holder of original notes either if certificates are to be forwarded herewith or if a tender of original notes is to be made by book-entry transfer to the account maintained by the Exchange Agent (as defined above) at The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the procedures set forth in the sections of the Prospectus entitled “The Exchange Offers—Procedures for Tendering,” “—Book-Entry Transfer” and “—Exchanging Book-Entry Notes” and an agent’s message (as defined below) is not delivered. Tenders by book-entry transfer also may be made by delivering an agent’s message in lieu of this Letter of Transmittal. The term “agent’s message” means a message, transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, this Letter of Transmittal and that the Company may enforce this Letter of Transmittal against such participant.

**Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Exchange Agent.**

The undersigned has completed the appropriate boxes below and signed this Letter of Transmittal to indicate the action the undersigned desires to take with respect to any or all of the exchange offers.

List below the original notes to which this Letter of Transmittal relates. If the space provided below is inadequate, the relevant series, certificate numbers and principal amount of original notes should be listed on a separate signed schedule affixed hereto.

#### DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL NOTES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Name(s) and Address(es) of Holder(s) (Please fill in, if blank)	Certificate Numbers*	Aggregate Principal Amount of Original 2036 Notes	Principal Amount of Original 2036 Notes Tendered**	Aggregate Principal Amount of Original 2048 Notes	Principal Amount of Original 2048 Notes Tendered***	Aggregate Principal Amount of Original 2055 Notes	Principal Amount of Original 2055 Notes Tendered****
<p>* Need not be completed if original notes are being tendered by book-entry transfer.</p> <p>** Unless otherwise indicated in this column, a holder will be deemed to have tendered ALL of the original 2036 notes represented by the original 2036 notes indicated in column 2. See Instruction 2. Original 2036 notes tendered hereby must be in denominations of principal amount of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. See Instruction 1.</p> <p>*** Unless otherwise indicated in this column, a holder will be deemed to have tendered ALL of the original 2048 notes represented by the original 2048 notes indicated in column 4. See Instruction 2. Original 2048 notes tendered hereby must be in denominations of principal amount of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. See Instruction 1.</p> <p>**** Unless otherwise indicated in this column, a holder will be deemed to have tendered ALL of the original 2055 notes represented by the original 2055 notes indicated in column 6. See Instruction 2. Original 2055 notes tendered hereby must be in denominations of principal amount of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. See Instruction 1.</p>							

☐ **CHECK HERE IF TENDERED ORIGINAL NOTES ARE BEING DELIVERED BY BOOK-ENTRY TRANSFER MADE TO THE ACCOUNT MAINTAINED BY THE EXCHANGE AGENT WITH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Name of Tendering Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By crediting the original notes to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") and by complying with applicable ATOP procedures with respect to the exchange offers, including, if applicable, transmitting to the Exchange Agent a computer-generated agent's message in which the holder of the original notes acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms of, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, this Letter of Transmittal, the participant in DTC confirms on behalf of itself and the beneficial owner(s) of such original notes all provisions of this Letter of Transmittal (including all representations and warranties) applicable to it and such beneficial owner(s) as fully as if it had completed the information required herein and executed and transmitted this Letter of Transmittal to the Exchange Agent.

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned represents that it is not participating, does not intend to participate, and has no arrangement or understanding with anyone to participate, in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the exchange notes. If the undersigned is a broker-dealer that will receive exchange notes for its own account in exchange for original notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, it represents and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus (or to the extent permitted by law, make available a prospectus to purchasers) in connection with any resale of such exchange notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering such a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act. In addition, such broker-dealer represents that it is not acting on behalf of any person who could not truthfully make the foregoing representations.

**PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the applicable exchange offer, the undersigned hereby tenders to the Company the aggregate principal amount of original notes of the relevant series indicated above. Subject to, and effective upon, the acceptance for exchange of such original notes tendered hereby, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers to, or upon the order of, the Company all right, title and interest in and to such original notes as are being tendered hereby.

The undersigned hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints the Exchange Agent as the undersigned's true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with respect to such tendered original notes, with full power of substitution, among other things, to cause the original notes to be assigned, transferred and exchanged. The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign and transfer such original notes, and to acquire exchange notes of the relevant series issuable upon the exchange of such tendered original notes, and that, when such original notes are accepted for exchange, the Company will acquire good and unencumbered title thereto, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim when the same are accepted by the Company. The undersigned hereby further represents that the exchange notes acquired hereby will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business, that it is not participating, does not intend to participate, and has no arrangement or understanding with anyone to participate, in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of such exchange notes, that it is not an "affiliate" of the Company (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), and that it is not acting on behalf of any person who could not truthfully make the foregoing representations and warranties.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has taken the position that broker-dealers may fulfill their prospectus delivery requirements with respect to the exchange notes (other than a resale of exchange notes received in exchange for an unsold allotment from the original sale of the original notes) with the Prospectus. The Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for original notes where such original notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, for a period of 90 days after the registration statement, of which the Prospectus forms a part, becomes effective, the Company will make the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. By accepting the applicable exchange offer, each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes pursuant to such exchange offer acknowledges and agrees to notify the Company prior to using the Prospectus in connection with the sale or transfer of such exchange notes and that, upon receipt of notice from the Company of the happening of any event that makes any statement in the Prospectus untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein (in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, such broker-dealer will suspend use of the Prospectus until (i) the Company has amended or supplemented the Prospectus to correct such misstatement or omission and (ii) either the Company has furnished copies of the amended or supplemented Prospectus to such broker-dealer or, if the Company has not otherwise agreed to furnish such copies and declines to do so after such broker-dealer so requests, such broker-dealer has obtained a copy of such amended or supplemented Prospectus as filed with the SEC. Except as described above, the Prospectus may not be used for or in connection with an offer to resell, a resale or any other retransfer of any series of exchange notes. A broker-dealer that acquired original notes in a transaction other than as part of its market-making activities or other trading activities will not be able to participate in the exchange offers.

The undersigned acknowledges that these exchange offers are being made upon the belief that, based on existing interpretations of the Securities Act by the SEC staff set forth in several no-action letters to third parties, the exchange notes issued under the exchange offers in exchange for the original notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by holders thereof (other than holders that are broker-dealers) without further compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act. However, the SEC has not considered the exchange offers in the context of a no-action letter and there can be no assurance that the SEC staff would make a similar determination with respect to any or all of the exchange offers as in other circumstances. The undersigned represents that it is not participating, does not intend to participate, and has no



arrangement or understanding with anyone to participate, in a distribution of exchange notes of any series. If any holder of the original notes is an “affiliate” of the Company (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) or intends to participate in the exchange offers for the purpose of distributing the exchange notes, or is a broker-dealer that purchased any of the original notes from the Company for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act, such holder (i) will not be able to rely on the interpretations of the SEC staff set forth in the above-mentioned no action letters, (ii) will not be entitled to tender its original notes of any series in the exchange offers and (iii) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or transfer of original notes of any series unless such sale or transfer is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements. If the undersigned is a broker-dealer that will receive exchange notes for its own account in exchange for original notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, it represents and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus (or to the extent permitted by law, make a prospectus available to purchasers) in connection with any resale of such exchange notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act.

The undersigned will, upon request, execute and deliver any additional documents deemed by the Company to be necessary or desirable to complete the sale, assignment and transfer of the original notes tendered hereby. All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred in this Letter of Transmittal and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives of the undersigned and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned. This tender may be withdrawn only in accordance with the procedures set forth in “The Exchange Offers—Withdrawal Rights” section of the Prospectus.

Unless otherwise indicated herein in the box entitled “Special Issuance Instructions” below, please deliver the relevant exchange notes (and, if applicable, substitute certificates representing original notes for any original notes not exchanged) in the name of the undersigned, or in the case of a book-entry delivery of original notes, please credit the account indicated above maintained at DTC. Similarly, unless otherwise indicated under the box entitled “Special Delivery Instructions” below, please send the relevant exchange notes (and, if applicable, substitute certificates representing original notes for any original notes not exchanged) to the undersigned at the address shown above in the box entitled “Description of Original Notes.”

**THE UNDERSIGNED, BY COMPLETING THE BOX ENTITLED “DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL NOTES” ABOVE AND SIGNING THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE TENDERED THE ORIGINAL NOTES AS SET FORTH IN SUCH BOX ABOVE.**

**SPECIAL ISSUANCE INSTRUCTIONS**  
**(See Instructions 3 and 4)**

To be completed ONLY if certificates for original notes not exchanged and/or exchange notes are to be issued in the name of and sent to someone other than the person(s) whose signature (s) appear(s) on this Letter of Transmittal above, or if original notes delivered by book-entry transfer that are not accepted for exchange are to be returned by credit to an account maintained at DTC other than the account indicated above.

Issue exchange notes and/or original notes to:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

☐ Credit unexchanged original notes delivered by book-entry transfer to the DTC account set forth below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DTC Account Number, if applicable)

**SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS**  
**(See Instructions 3 and 4)**

To be completed ONLY if certificates for original notes not exchanged and/or exchange notes are to be sent to someone other than the person(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) on this Letter of Transmittal above or to such person(s) at an address other than shown in the box entitled “Description of Original Notes” on this Letter of Transmittal above.

Mail exchange notes and/or original notes to:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

**IMPORTANT: THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OR AN AGENT’S MESSAGE IN LIEU THEREOF (TOGETHER WITH THE CERTIFICATES FOR ORIGINAL NOTES OR A BOOK-ENTRY CONFIRMATION AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS) MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EXCHANGE AGENT PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON THE APPLICABLE EXPIRATION DATE.**

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING ANY BOX ABOVE.**

**PLEASE SIGN HERE  
(TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL TENDERING HOLDERS)**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_,  
2015

X \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

X \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
(Signature(s) of Owner) (Date)

Area Code and Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If a holder is tendering any original notes, this Letter of Transmittal must be signed by the registered holder(s) as the name(s) appear(s) on the certificate(s) for the original notes or on the security position listing of DTC or by any person(s) authorized to become registered holder(s) by endorsements and documents transmitted herewith. If signature is by a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, officer or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, please set forth full title. See Instruction 3.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including Zip Code)

**SIGNATURE GUARANTEE  
(If required by Instruction 3)**

Signature(s) Guaranteed  
by an Eligible Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Firm)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Forming Part of the Terms and Conditions of each Exchange Offer

#### 1. Delivery of this Letter of Transmittal and Original Notes.

This Letter of Transmittal is to be completed by holders of original notes either if certificates are to be forwarded herewith or if tenders are to be made pursuant to the procedures for delivery by book-entry transfer set forth in “The Exchange Offers—Book-Entry Transfer” section of the Prospectus and an agent’s message is not delivered. Tenders by book-entry transfer may also be made by delivering an agent’s message in lieu of this Letter of Transmittal. The term “agent’s message” means a message, transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, this Letter of Transmittal and that the Company may enforce this Letter of Transmittal against such participant. Certificates for all physically tendered original notes, or book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, as well as a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal (or agent’s message in lieu thereof) and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, must be received by the Exchange Agent at the address set forth herein at or prior to the expiration date. Original notes of each series tendered hereby must be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

The method of delivery of this Letter of Transmittal, the original notes and all other required documents is at the election and risk of the tendering holders, but the delivery will be deemed made only when actually received or confirmed by the Exchange Agent. If original notes are sent by mail, it is suggested that the mailing be registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested, made sufficiently in advance of the applicable expiration date to permit delivery to the Exchange Agent at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. The Company reserves the right to reject any particular original note not properly tendered, or any acceptance that might, in the Company’s judgment, be unlawful. The Company also reserves the right to waive any defects or irregularities with respect to the form or procedures applicable to the tender of any particular original note at or prior to the applicable expiration date. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of original notes must be cured within a reasonable period of time prior to the applicable expiration date.

See “The Exchange Offers” section of the Prospectus.

#### 2. Partial Tenders (not applicable to holders that tender by book-entry transfer).

If less than all of the original notes of any series evidenced by a submitted certificate are to be tendered, the tendering holder(s) should fill in the aggregate principal amount of original notes of the relevant series to be tendered in the boxes above entitled “Description of Original Notes—Principal Amount of Original 2036 Notes Tendered,” “Description of Original Notes—Principal Amount of Original 2048 Notes Tendered” and/or “Description of Original Notes—Principal Amount of Original 2055 Notes Tendered,” as applicable. A reissued certificate representing the balance of nontendered original notes of the applicable series will be sent to such tendering holder, unless otherwise provided in the appropriate box on this Letter of Transmittal, promptly after the expiration date. **All of the original notes of each series delivered to the Exchange Agent will be deemed to have been tendered unless otherwise indicated.**

#### 3. Signatures on this Letter of Transmittal; Bond Powers and Endorsements; Guarantee of Signatures.

If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the registered holder of the original notes tendered hereby, the signature must correspond exactly with the name as written on the face of the certificates or as written on DTC’s security position listing as the holder of such original notes, as applicable, without any change whatsoever.

If any tendered original notes are owned of record by two or more joint owners, all of such owners must sign this Letter of Transmittal.

If any tendered original notes are registered in different names on several certificates, it will be necessary to complete, sign and submit as many separate copies of this Letter of Transmittal as there are different registrations of certificates.

When this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the registered holder or holders of the original notes specified herein and tendered hereby, no endorsements of certificates or separate bond powers are required. If, however, the exchange notes are to be issued, or any untendered original notes are to be reissued, to a person other than the registered holder, then endorsements of any certificates transmitted hereby or separate bond powers are required. Signatures on such certificate(s) must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution (as defined below).

If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder or holders of any certificate(s) specified herein, such certificate(s) must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate bond powers, in either case signed exactly as the name or names of the registered holder or holders appear(s) on the certificate(s) and signatures on such certificate(s) must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution.

If this Letter of Transmittal or any certificates or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing, and, unless waived by the Company, proper evidence satisfactory to the Company of their authority to so act must be submitted.

**Endorsements on certificates for original notes or signatures on bond powers required by this Instruction 3 must be guaranteed by a firm that is a financial institution (including most banks, savings and loan associations and brokerage houses) that is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program or the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (each an "Eligible Institution").**

**Signatures on this Letter of Transmittal need not be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution, provided the original notes are tendered: (i) by a registered holder of original notes (which term, for purposes of the exchange offers, includes any participant in the DTC system whose name appears on a security position listing as the holder of such original notes) who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on this Letter of Transmittal or (ii) for the account of an Eligible Institution.**

#### **4. Special Issuance and Delivery Instructions.**

Tendering holders of original notes should indicate in the applicable box(es) the name and address to which exchange notes issued pursuant to the exchange offers and/or substitute certificates evidencing original notes not exchanged are to be issued or sent, if different from the name or address of the person signing this Letter of Transmittal. In the case of issuance in a different name, the employer identification or social security number of the person named must also be indicated. Holders tendering original notes by book-entry transfer may request that original notes not exchanged be credited to such account maintained at DTC as such holder may designate hereon. If no such instructions are given, such original notes not exchanged will be returned to the name and address of the person signing this Letter of Transmittal.

#### **5. Transfer Taxes.**

Except as set forth in this Instruction 5, the Company will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the transfer of original notes to it or its order pursuant to the exchange offers. If, however, exchange notes and/or substitute original notes not exchanged are to be delivered to, or are to be registered or issued in the name of, any person other than the registered holder of the original notes tendered hereby, or if tendered original notes are registered in the name of any person other than the person signing this Letter of Transmittal or if a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the transfer of original notes to the Company or its order pursuant to the

exchange offers, the amount of any such transfer taxes (whether imposed on the registered holder or any other persons) will be payable by the tendering holder. If satisfactory evidence of payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is not submitted herewith, the amount of such transfer taxes will be billed directly to such tendering holder.

**Except as provided in this Instruction 5, it will not be necessary for transfer tax stamps to be affixed to the original notes specified in this Letter of Transmittal.**

#### **6. Waiver of Conditions.**

Because the Company may, subject to applicable law, amend or modify any or all of the exchange offers, and such amendment or modification may be deemed to be a waiver of a condition, it has the right to waive satisfaction of conditions enumerated in the Prospectus. Accordingly, the Company has, subject to applicable law, effectively retained the ability to waive the conditions to consummation of any or all of the exchange offers.

#### **7. No Conditional Tenders.**

No alternative, conditional, irregular or contingent tenders will be accepted. All tendering holders of original notes, by execution of this Letter of Transmittal or an agent's message in lieu thereof, shall waive any right to receive notice of the acceptance of their original notes for exchange.

Neither the Company, the Exchange Agent nor any other person is obligated to give notice of any defect or irregularity with respect to any tender of original notes nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give any such notice.

#### **8. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Original Notes.**

Any holder whose original notes have been mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed should contact the Exchange Agent at the address indicated above for further instructions.

#### **9. Withdrawal Rights.**

Tenders of original notes may be withdrawn at any time at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date.

For a withdrawal of a tender of original notes to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be received by the Exchange Agent at the address set forth above at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date. Any such notice of withdrawal must (i) specify the name of the person having tendered the original notes to be withdrawn (the "Depositor"), (ii) identify the original notes to be withdrawn (including the relevant series, certificate number or numbers and the principal amount of such original notes), (iii) contain a statement that such holder is withdrawing his election to have such original notes exchanged, (iv) be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the Letter of Transmittal by which such original notes were tendered (including any required signature guarantees) or be accompanied by documents of transfer to have the Trustee register the transfer of such original notes in the name of the person withdrawing the tender, together with satisfactory evidence of payment of applicable transfer taxes or exemption therefrom, and (v) specify the name in which such original notes are registered, if different from that of the Depositor. If original notes have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer set forth in "The Exchange Offers—Book-Entry Transfer" section of the Prospectus, any notice of withdrawal must specify the number of the account at DTC from which the original notes were tendered and specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn original notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of DTC. All questions as to the validity, form and eligibility (including time of receipt) of such notices will be determined by the Company, whose determination shall be final and binding on all parties. Any original notes so withdrawn will

be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the applicable exchange offer, and no exchange notes will be issued with respect thereto unless the original notes so withdrawn are validly re-tendered. Any original notes that have been tendered for exchange but which are not exchanged for any reason will be returned to the holder thereof without cost to such holder (or, in the case of original notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures set forth in "The Exchange Offers—Book-Entry Transfer" section of the Prospectus, such original notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC for the original notes) promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the applicable exchange offer. Properly withdrawn original notes may be re-tendered by following the procedures described above at any time at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable expiration date.

#### **10. Requests for Assistance or Additional Copies.**

Questions relating to the procedure for tendering original notes, as well as requests for additional copies of the Prospectus and this Letter of Transmittal and requests for other related documents, may be directed to the Exchange Agent, at the address and telephone number set forth herein.