

Stachiw Mark Atkerson  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Stachiw Mark Atkerson

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC [PCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2250 LAKESIDE BOULEVARD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Gen Counsel, Sec & Vice Chair

RICHARDSON, TX 75082

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/07/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 55,000  | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 196,241   | D  |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 9.55  | 02/07/2012                           |  | A                              | 130,000   | (2) 02/07/2022   | Common Stock  | 130,000  |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Stachiw Mark Atkerson<br>2250 LAKESIDE BOULEVARD<br>RICHARDSON, TX 75082 |               |           | Gen Counsel, Sec & Vice Chair |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Linda M. Brotkin, as Attorney in Fact for Mark A. Stachiw 02/09/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These shares of restricted stock vest over a period of four years as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) of the restricted stock vests on
- (1) February 7, 2013 and the remainder vests upon the reporting person's completion of each additional quarter of service in a series of twelve (12) successive equal quarterly installments.
  - (2) The option vests over a period of four years as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) of the option vests on February 7, 2013 and the remainder vests upon the reporting person's completion of each additional month of service in a series of thirty-six (36) successive equal monthly installments.

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