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December 18, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Stanley Harfenist
 Three High Ridge Park
 CT, Stamford 06905
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Citizens Communications Company (CZN)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 12/17/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date | 3. Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month |
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date | 4. Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares | 8. Price of Underlying Securities Price |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Phantom Stock Units | 1 for 1 | 12/17/2002 | A | 474.862 | A 1 1 | Common Stock | 474.862 |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to Reporting Person's election to receive Director's Fees in units; units are to be settled after Reporting Person's retirement.
2. Pursuant to Reporting Person's election for securities to be granted to Stanley Harfenist and Jean Lippka Harfenist, Trustees of the Harfenist Family Trust.