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Form 4

January 02, 2003

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  
 Aaron I. Fleischman  
 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  
 1/1/2003
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

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	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call
Phantom Stock Units	1 for 1	1/1/2003	A	5000	1/1/2003	Common Stock 5000	7

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### Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to Reporting Person's election to receive a set grant of units for annual retainer fee; units are to be settled after Reporting Person's retirement.