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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 *
TOBEN DOREEN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10007

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Options (Directors 2008) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 19.875 | 04/22/2008 | A | | 4,000 | | ⁽¹⁾ | 04/22/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 4 |
| Phantom Stock Unit ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | 04/22/2008 | A | | 5,947.7885 | | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 5,947.7885 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TOBEN DOREEN A VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS 140 WEST STREET, 29TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10007 | X | | | |

Signatures

Rhonda L. Brauer, Attorney-in-Fact for Doreen A. Toben 04/23/2008

⁽²⁾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).
- (1) Right to buy Class A Common Stock under The New York Times Company 2004 Non-Employee Directors Stock Incentive Plan. Options become exercisable on the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders subsequent to the grant date. The grant date for Option 2008 was April 22, 2008.
- (2) Phantom stock units credited to the reporting person's account in respect of a discretionary grant, with a value of \$35,000, Board and Committee compensation deferred in the form of phantom stock units, and dividend equivalent payments and accumulated interest on previously granted phantom stock units. Each phantom stock unit was credited to the reporting person's account under The New York Times Company Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan, on April 22, 2008, based on the average closing price of a share of Class A Common Stock for the 30 trading days prior to the date of credit. Distribution in cash is generally made following retirement. This transaction involved a derivative security that does not have an exercise date or an expiration date.

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