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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

Finard Jeri B

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ISSUER

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO

CIK: **20520** | IRS No.: **060619596** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

SIC: **4813** Telephone communications (no radiotelephone)

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THREE HIGH RIDGE PARK

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Finard Jeri B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS CO [CZN]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
3 HIGH RIDGE PARK			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
(Street) STAMFORD, CT 06905							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			

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

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/03/2006		A (2)		173.31		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	173.31	(2)	9,433.31	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/03/2006		A (3)		3,500		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,500	(3)	12,933.31	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The Phantom Stock Units convert one for one share of common stock, or cash equivalent, upon the Reporting Person's retirement.
- Pursuant to Reporting Person's election to receive Director's Fees in units; units are to be settled after Reporting Person's retirement.
- Units granted pursuant to the Formula Plan; units are to be settled after Reporting Person's retirement.

Signatures

By: By Hilary E. Glassman Under Power-of-Attorney

01/05/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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