FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* COHEN WILLIAM S (Last) (First) (Middle) 1515 BROADWAY					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VIACOM INC [VIA, VIAB] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005							(Che	Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) Note that the second			Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10036 (City) (State) (Zip)				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic								Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Date)				nsaction	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Da		med on Date	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		or	5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned Report	ount of ties cially I Following ed	6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4	ect rect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securi														(Instr. 3	ction(s) 3 and 4)				
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 (Inst		5. Number n of							8. Di Si	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	(D) irect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		oiration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Phantom Class A Common Stock Units	\$0.00 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2005		A		360		(1)		(1)	Class A common stock	360)	\$37.08	1,605	I)		
Phantom Class B Common Stock Units	\$0.00 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2005		A		367		(1)		(1)	Class B common stock	367	7	\$36.39	1,623	ı)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting Person has elected to defer payment of Board retainer and fees pursuant to Viacom's deferred compensation arragement for directors. Deferred amounts (including any cash dividends credited during the previous quarter) are deemed invested quarterly in the number of Phantom Common Stock Units equal to the number of shares of Class A and Class B Common Stock that such amounts would have purchased when converted. Phantom Common Stock Units are paid out after the Director's retirement from the Board and are settled in cash.

Remarks:

By: /s/ Michael D. Fricklas, Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2005

** 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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