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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **COHEN WILLIAM S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

VIACOM INC [VIA, VIAB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 1515 BROADWAY 04/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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)		4 7
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of	(any (Month/Day/Year)	(

4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Titl
Transactio	onof	Expiration Date	of Un
Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	Secur
(Instr. 8)	Securities		(Instr.

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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	Derivative Security				Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed 3, 4,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Class A Common Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	04/01/2005	A		303		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A common stock	303	\$ 35.1
Phantom Class B Common Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	04/01/2005	A		305		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class B common stock	305	\$ 34.8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COHEN WILLIAM S 1515 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10036	X						

Signatures

By: /s/ Michael D. Fricklas, Attorney-in-Fact 04/04/2005

**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).

Reporting Person has elected to defer payment of Board retainer and fees pursuant to Viacom's deferred compensation arrangement for directors. Deferred amounts (including any cash dividends credited during the previous quarter) are deemed invested quarterly in the

(1) 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.

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