NATIONAL TELEPHONE CO OF VENEZUELA Form SC 13D/A

December 06, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a) (Amendment No. 8)

COMPANIA ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA (CANTV) ______

(Name of Issuer)

NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VENEZUELA (CANTV)

(Translation of Name of Issuer into English)

CLASS D COMMON SHARES, NOMINAL VALUE Bs. 36.90182224915 PER SHARE (the "Class D Shares") AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES EACH REPRESENTING SEVEN CLASS D SHARES (the "ADSs")

(Title of Class of Securities)

P3055Q103 (Class D Shares); 204421101 (ADSs)

(CUSIP Number)

Marianne Drost Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Verizon Communications Inc. 1095 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 (212) 395-1783

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

Not Applicable

(Date of event which requires filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), (f) or (g), check the following box. []

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CUSIP NO.	P3055Q103 (Class D. Share: 204429101 (ADSs)	s) 		P 8
	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF A		ON (entities only)	
	Verizon Communications Inc.			
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A	MEMBER OF	`A GROUP*	(a) [] (b) []
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGINARY CONTROL OF		INGS IS	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIS	ZATION		
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311	
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	8	SHARED VOTING POWER Class D Shares: None ADSs: None	
	PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311	
		10	Class D Shares: None ADSs: None	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY	OWNED BY E	ACH REPORTING PERSON	
	Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311			
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTED		1 11	
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	204429101 (ADSs)						
1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. (DF ABOVE PERSO	ON (entities only)				
	GTE Corporation						
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX 1	IF A MEMBER OF	`A GROUP*	(a) [] (b) []			
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5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2		INGS IS	[]			
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	NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311				
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		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER Class D Shares: None				

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CUSIP NO.	P3055Q103 (Class D. Shares) 204429101 (ADSs)	Pa
1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (entities only)	
	GTE International Telecommunications Incorporated	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [] (b) []
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)	[]
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION State of Delaware	
	State of Delaware	
	7 SOLE VOTING POWER	

NUMBER OF SHARES			Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311			
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	8	SHARED VOTING POWER Class D Shares: None ADSs: None			
	PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311			
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	GTE Venezuela Incorporated					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A	MEMBER OF	A GROUP*	(a) [] (b) []		
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (entities only)					
	Bell Atlantic Latin America Ho	ldings, In	с.			
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*			(a) [] (b) []		
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	Bell Atlantic New Holdings, Inc.				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A ME	EMBER OF	`A GROUP*	(a) (b)	[]
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	Verizon International Holdin	-				
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	Bermuda					
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	GTE Venezuela S.a r.l.			
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	Luxembourg			
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABO		N (entities only)	======
	GTE Venholdings B.V.			

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) [] (b) []

3	SEC USE ONLY	SEC USE ONLY				
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6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORG					
	Netherlands					
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER Class D Shares: 28,009,177* ADSs: 4,001,311			
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	8	SHARED VOTING POWER Class D Shares: None ADSs: None			
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This is the eighth amendment ("Amendment No. 8") to the Statement on Schedule 13D originally filed by GTE Corporation and GTE Venezuela Incorporated on December 9, 1996 and amended on December 18, 1996, December 23, 1998, July 13, 2000, October 10, 2001, October 16, 2001, October 22, 2001 and November 5,

2001. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the initial Statement on Schedule 13D, as amended through the date hereof (the "Schedule 13D"). The Schedule 13D is hereby amended as follows:

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(a) The Reporting Persons beneficially own 4,001,311 ADSs, each representing seven Class D Shares. Based upon information furnished by the Company, the Class D Shares represented by these ADSs represent approximately 7.4% of the total number of outstanding Class D Shares following the consummation of the Company's latest share repurchase program. To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, none of the persons listed in Schedule I to the Schedule 13D owns beneficially any Class D Shares or ADSs representing Class D Shares, except as follows:

Name and Position	ADSs Owned Beneficially
Charles R. Lee	11,000
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Director	
Verizon Communications	
Alfred C. Giammarino	1,570
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer-International	
and Information Services	
Verizon Services Corp.	

- (b) The Reporting Persons and, to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, each of the persons listed in the above chart has the sole power to vote and the sole power to dispose of the ADSs and the Class D Shares represented thereby as held by him.
- (c) In the past sixty days from the date of this statement, none of the Reporting Persons nor either of the persons listed in paragraph (a) above has purchased or sold any ADSs or Class D Shares, except that GTE Venholdings B.V. and Alfred C. Giammarino sold 705,236 and 430 ADSs, respectively, at a cash price of \$30 per ADS pursuant to the tender offer for 19,843,658 ADSs made by the Company pursuant to a U.S. Offer to Purchase dated October 24, 2001.
 - (d) (e) Not Applicable

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Michael T. Masin

^{*} Less than 0.1%

GTE CORPORATION

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Michael T. Masin

GTE INTERNATIONAL

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Alfred C. Giammarino

GTE VENEZUELA INCORPORATED

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Alfred C. Giammarino

BELL ATLANTIC LATIN AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Janet M. Garrity

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BELL ATLANTIC NEW HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Daniel C. Petri

VERIZON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Alfred C. Giammarino

GTE VENEZUELA S.A.R.L.

By: GTE VENEZUELA INCORPORATED,

Manager

Date: December 3, 2001

By: /s/ Alfred C. Giammarino

GTE VENHOLDINGS B.V.

By: GTE VENEZUELA INCORPORATED,

Managing Director

Date: December 3, 2001 By: /s/ Alfred C. Giammarino

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