

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC
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SOUTHEASTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT INC/TN/

FORM SC 13G
(Statement of Ownership)

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| Telephone | 7208881000 |
| CIK | 0000794323 |
| Symbol | LVLT |
| SIC Code | 4813 - Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone |
| Industry | Communications Services |
| Sector | Services |
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Initial Filing)*

Level 3 Communications, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class and Securities)

52729N100

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which
this
Schedule is filed:

☒ /X/ Rule 13d-1(b)
☐ // Rule 13d-1(c)
☐ // Rule 13d-1(d)

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reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the
subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment
containing information which would alter the disclosures provided
in a prior page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall
not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to
the
liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all
other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 52729N100
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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. I.D. No. 62-0951781

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a)
(b) X

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Tennessee

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON : (5) SOLE VOTING POWER
: (Discretionary Accounts)
: None

WITH : (6) SHARED OR NO VOTING POWER
116,515,543 shares
(shared)
0 shares (No
Vote)

: (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
(Discretionary Accounts)
: None

: (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
: 116,515,543 shares
(Shared)
0 shares (None)

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
(Discretionary & Non-discretionary Accounts)
116,515,543 shares

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
18.3 %

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IA

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
Longleaf Partners Fund I.D. No. 62-1376170

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:
(a)
(b) X

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Business Trust

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON : (5) SOLE VOTING POWER
: None

WITH : (6) SHARED VOTING POWER

81,029,000 shares

:(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

: None

:(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

: 81,029,000 shares

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

81,029,000 shares

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
12.7 %

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IV

CUSIP No. 52729N100

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund I.D. No. 62-1376170

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:
(a)
(b) X

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Business Trust

:(5) SOLE VOTING POWER

:
: None

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

WITH : (6) SHARED VOTING POWER

35,486,543 shares

:(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

: None

:(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

: 35,486,543 shares

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

35,486,543 shares

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
5.6 %

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IV

CUSIP No. 52729N100

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
O. Mason Hawkins I.D. No. XXX-XX-XXXX

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:
(a)
(b) X

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Citizen of United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON : (5) SOLE VOTING POWER
: (Discretionary Accounts)
: None

WITH : (6) SHARED VOTING POWER

: None

: (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

: None

: (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

: None

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
None (See Item 3)

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
0.0%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

Item 1.

(a). Name of Issuer: Level 3 Communications, Inc.

(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1025 Eldorado Blvd.
Broomfield, CO 80021

Item 2.

(a) and (b). Names and Principal Business Addresses of

Persons

Filing:

- (1) Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.
6410 Poplar Ave., Suite 900
Memphis, TN 38119
- (2) Longleaf Partners Fund
Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund
c/o Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.
6410 Poplar Avenue, Suite 900
Memphis, TN, 38119
- (3) Mr. O. Mason Hawkins
Chairman of the Board and C.E.O.
Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.
6410 Poplar Ave., Suite 900
Memphis, TN 38119

(c). Citizenship:

Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. - A Tennessee corporation

Longleaf Partners Fund and Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund are series of Longleaf Partners Funds Trust, a Massachusetts business trust

Mr. O. Mason Hawkins - U.S. Citizen

(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock (the "Securities").

(e). Cusip Number: 52729N100

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1 (b) or 13d-2 (b), check whether the person filing is a:

(d.) Investment Company registered under Sec. 8 of the Investment Company Act - Longleaf Partners Fund and Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund, series of Longleaf Partners Funds Trust.

(e.) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This statement is being filed

by Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. as a registered investment

adviser. All of the securities covered by this report are owned

legally by Southeastern's investment advisory clients and none

are owned directly or indirectly by Southeastern. As permitted

by Rule 13d-4, the filing of this statement shall not be construed

as an admission that Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. is the

beneficial owner of any of the securities covered by this statement.

(g) Parent Holding Company. This statement is also being filed by

Mr. O. Mason Hawkins, Chairman of the Board and C.E.O. of Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. in the event he could be deemed to be a controlling person of that firm as the result of

his official positions with or ownership of its voting securities.

The existence of such control is expressly disclaimed. Mr. Hawkins

does not own directly or indirectly any securities covered by this statement for his own account. As permitted by Rule 13d-

4, the filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission

that Mr. Hawkins is the beneficial owner of any of the securities

covered by this statement.

Item 4. Ownership:

(a). Amount Beneficially Owned: (At 6/30/2003)
116,515,543 shares

(b). Percent of Class:
18.3 %

Common Above percentage is based on 636,638,838 shares of
Stock outstanding.

(c). Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i). sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
0 shares

(ii). shared or no power to vote or to direct the vote:

Longleaf Shared - 116,515,543 shares.
Securities owned by the following series of
Partners Funds Trust, an open-end management
investment company registered under the
Investment Company Act of 1940, as follows:
Longleaf Partners Fund - 81,029,000 shares
Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund - 35,486,543
shares

No Power to Vote - 0 shares.

(iii). sole power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of:
0 shares

(iv). shared or no power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of:

Longleaf Shared - 116,515,543 shares
Securities owned by the following series of
Partners Funds Trust, an open-end management
investment company registered under the
Investment Company Act of 1940, as follows:
Longleaf Partners Fund - 81,029,000 shares
Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund - 35,486,543
shares

No Power - 0 shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another
Person: N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which
Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent
Holding Company: N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signatures

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

Dated: July 8, 2003

Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

Longleaf Partners Fund
By Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund
By Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

O. Mason Hawkins, Individually

/s/ O. Mason Hawkins

Joint Filing Agreement

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the persons or entities named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of this Schedule 13G with respect to the Securities of the Issuer and further agree that this joint filing agreement be included as an exhibit to this Schedule 13G.

In evidence thereof, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement as of July 8, 2003.

Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

Longleaf Partners Fund
By Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund
By Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ Andrew R. McCarroll

Andrew R. McCarroll
Vice President and General Counsel

O. Mason Hawkins, Individually

/s/ O. Mason Hawkins
