

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	1025 ELDORADO BOULEVARD BLDG 2000 BROOMFIELD, CO 80021
Telephone	7208881000
CIK	0000794323
Symbol	LVLT
SIC Code	4813 - Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone
Industry	Communications Services
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STORTZ THOMAS C (Last) (First) (Middle) 1025 ELDORADO BLVD. (Street) BROOMFIELD, CO 80021 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC [LVLTL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 5/27/2005 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner __ X __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Executive Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) __ X __ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)
Common Stock	5/27/2005		A	200000 A (1)	1095796	D	
Common Stock	5/27/2005		S (2)	81762 (2) D \$2.0100	1014034	D	
Common Stock					5636	I	By 401(k)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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	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	Amount or Number of Shares		

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Pursuant to the terms of the Convertible Outperform Stock Option, the Reporting Person elected to receive one share of Common Stock in exchange for each Convertible Outperform Stock Option exercised for a zero exercise price.

The transaction reported represents the results of the exercise by the Reporting Person of convertible outperform stock options that were originally granted to the Reporting Person in September 2001. These convertible outperform stock options were scheduled to expire on

- (2) September 1, 2005. The shares of common stock shown to have been disposed of by the Reporting Person represents those shares of common stock sold by the Reporting Person to provide cash proceeds to enable the Reporting Person to satisfy the withholding tax requirement that was created upon the exercise of the convertible outperform stock options. The balance of the shares acquired from this exercise are being retained by the Reporting Person.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STORTZ THOMAS C 1025 ELDORADO BLVD. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

**By: /s/ Neil J.
Eckstein as
Attorney in Fact**

5/27/2005

Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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

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