

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC

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FORM 3

(Initial Statement of 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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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PATEL SUNIT S (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 5/20/2003 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC [LVLT] |
| 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Group Vice President & CFO / | | |
| (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 208334 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 60 | I | By 401(k) Plan account |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PATEL SUNIT S | | | Group Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

Neil J. Eckstein as attorney in fact for Sunit S. Patel

** Signature of Reporting Person

5/23/2003

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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Power of Attorney

I, Sunit S. Patel, group vice president and chief financial officer of Level 3 Communications, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby designate any and all of Thomas C. Stortz and Neil J. Eckstein as my agents and attorneys in fact, with full power of substitution, to:

(a) prepare and sign on my behalf any Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 with respect to the Company under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(b) prepare and sign on my behalf any form 144 Notice with respect to the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

(c) file those forms with the Securities Exchange Commission and with any other regulatory authority or stock exchange with which those forms are required to be filed; and

(d) take any other action necessary, proper or legally required in connection with the foregoing actions.

This power of attorney will remain in effect for so long as I am subject to the foregoing filing requirements with respect to the Company, unless revoked by me in a written notice delivered to the Company. I hereby acknowledge that neither my attorneys in fact nor the Company are assuming my obligation to file any of those forms on my behalf, or will have any liability to me for failures to file or inaccuracies in those forms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Power of Attorney as of May 20, 2003.

/s/ Sunit S. Patel
Sunit S. Patel

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