

# **LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC**

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**CROWE JAMES Q**

## **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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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
<b>CROWE JAMES Q</b>	<b>LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC [ LVLTL ]</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
<b>1025 ELDORADO BLVD.</b>	<b>5/3/2005</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<b>BROOMFIELD, CO 80021</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	5/3/2005		A		1099143 (1)	A	\$0	7023562	D	
Common Stock								13801	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock								520000	I	By The Cherry Creek Trust

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

### Explanation of Responses:

The amount of shares reported represents the award of restricted stock units to the Reporting Person. These restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary of the date of the award. The Compensation Committee of the Level 3 Communications, Inc. (the "Registrant") Board of Directors awarded these restricted stock units to the Reporting Person as a bonus primarily for the Reporting Person's efforts in connection with the negotiation and completion of the recent issuance by the Registrant of its 10% Convertible Senior Notes due 2011. The Compensation Committee determined to award this bonus, in this form, in part to address the desire of the lead investor in the Convertible Senior Note transaction that the Reporting Person continue and increase his personal investment in the equity of the Registrant.

Reporting Owners

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Signatures

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>CROWE JAMES Q 1025 ELDORADO BLVD. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	

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

**5/5/2005**

**\*\*** 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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