

McNellis John  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â McNellis John		(Month/Day/Year)	L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC [LLL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
600 THIRD AVENUE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Sr VP & Pres of Integrated Sys	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10016			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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	3,754 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	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	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
7/12/2005 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	07/12/2015	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 74.94	D	Â
08/02/2006 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	08/02/2016	Common Stock	6,666	\$ 72.2	D	Â
08/01/2007 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	08/01/2017	Common Stock	8,100	\$ 99.58	D	Â
07/29/2008 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	07/29/2018	Common Stock	11,992	\$ 96.34	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McNellis John 600 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016	Â	Â	Â Sr VP & Pres of Integrated Sys	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Allen E. Danzig as  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/17/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Does not include options to purchase shares of common stock.
- (2) Reflects shares acquired through the Company's Master Savings (401(k)) Plan and grants of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) These options vest in equal one-third increments beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date.

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