

WESSELINK DAVID D
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
WESSELINK DAVID D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10900 WAYZATA BOULEVARD

(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55305

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

METRIS COMPANIES INC [MXT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/10/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2005	A	36,750					(2)	02/10/2008	Common Stock	36,750
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2005	A	36,750					02/10/2009(3)	02/10/2009	Common Stock	36,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WESSELINK DAVID D 10900 WAYZATA BOULEVARD MINNETONKA, MN 55305	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

David D.
Wesselink

02/14/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Conversion or exercise price of derivative security is 1 for 1.

(2) 12,250 units exercisable on February 10, 2006, 12,250 units exercisable on February 10, 2007, and 12,250 units exercisable on February 10, 2008. The units were granted pursuant to the Metris Companies Inc. Long-Term Incentive and Stock Option Plan, as amended ("Plan"), and are exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3(d).

(3) The units were granted pursuant to the Plan and are exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3(d). Restricted stock units subject to certain vesting and performance factors.

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