

Adams Jimmie V
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Adams Jimmie V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC [LLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 600 THIRD AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/20/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SEE REMARKS

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10016

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2009 | | M | 10,000 | A \$ 72.2 | 24,791 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2009 | | S | 10,000 | D \$ 74.21 ⁽³⁾ | 14,791 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ | D |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 08/02/06 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 72.2 | 08/20/2009 | | M | 10,000 | (4) 08/02/2016 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Adams Jimmie V C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 600 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016 | | | SEE REMARKS | |

Signatures

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

08/24/2009

**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) Does not include shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (2) Reflects additional shares acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan and Master Savings (401(k)) Plan and grants of Restricted Stock Units.

Represents weighted average selling price of 53 transactions executed on the same date within a range of \$74.15 and \$74.30. The reporting person undertakes to provide L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. ("L-3"), any security holder of L-3, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (3)
- (4) This option vests annually in equal one-third increments beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President of Washington Operations

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