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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Butler David T III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

L 3 COMMUNICATIONS **HOLDINGS INC [LLL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/02/2010

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 600 THIRD **AVENUE**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP of Business Operations

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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NEW YORK, NY 10016

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) str. 4)

		Code \	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Inst
Common Stock	02/02/2010	M		25,000	A	\$ 68.16	32,264 (1) (2)	D
Common Stock	02/02/2010	S		25,000	D	\$ 87 (3)	7,264 (1) (2)	D
Common Stock	02/02/2010	M		17,250	A	\$ 72.2	24,514 (1) (2)	D
Common Stock	02/02/2010	S		17,250	D	\$ 86.96 (4)	7,264 (1) (2)	D

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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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
11/10/04 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 68.16	02/02/2010		M	25,000	(5)	11/10/2014	Common Stock	25,000
08/02/06 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.2	02/02/2010		M	17,250	<u>(5)</u>	08/02/2016	Common Stock	17,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Butler David T III C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 600 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016

SVP of Business Operations

Signatures

/s/ Allen E. Danzig as Attorney-in-Fact 02/04/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 Master Savings (401(k)) Plan and grants of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Represents weighted average selling price of 20 transactions executed on the same date within a range of \$86.86 and \$87.12.
- (4) Represents weighted average selling price of 8 transactions executed on the same date within a range of \$86.92 and \$86.99.
- (5) This option vests annually in equal one-third increments beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date.

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