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METRIS COMPANIES INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 11, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. 1) \*

Metris Companies Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

common stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

591598107

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

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(Date of Event Which requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's  
initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Iridian Asset Management LLC

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES not applicable

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY not applicable

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

not applicable

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

less than 5.0%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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LC Capital Management, LLC

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(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES not applicable

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY not applicable

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING not applicable

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH not applicable

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

not applicable

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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less than 5.0%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

HC

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CL Investors, Inc.

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(a)

(b)

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Delaware

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OWNED BY not applicable

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

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not applicable

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COLE Partners LLC

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(a)

(b)

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES not applicable

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY not applicable

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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Iridian Private Business Value Equity Fund, L.P.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES not applicable

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY not applicable

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

not applicable

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less than 5.0%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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David L. Cohen

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES not applicable

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY not applicable

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

less than 5.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Harold J. Levy

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES not applicable

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY not applicable

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING not applicable

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH not applicable

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not applicable



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less than 5.0%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G amends in its entirety Schedule 13G previously filed for the month ended December 31, 2001. This Amednement reports a less than 5.0% position (see item 5).

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Metris Companies

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Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

10900 Wayzata Boulevard  
Minnetinka, Minnesota 55305-1534

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Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing.

This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of Iridian Asset Management LLC ("Iridian"), LC Capital Management, LLC ("LC Capital"), CL Investors, Inc. ("CL Investors"), COLE Partners LLC ("COLE"), Iridian Private Business Value Equity Fund, L.P. ("Iridian Private Business"), David L. Cohen and Harold J. Levy (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The Address of Principal Business Office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Iridian Asset Management LLC, 276 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06880-4704.

(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization:

Each of Iridian, LC Capital and COLE is a Delaware limited liability company. CL Investors is a Delaware corporation. Iridian Private Business is a Delaware limited partnership. Each of David L. Cohen and Harold J. Levy is a citizen of the United States.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

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This Statement relates to the shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, of Metris Companies Inc.

(e) CUSIP Number: The CUSIP number is 591598107.

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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

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Item 4. Ownership.

Not Applicable.

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: X

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Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

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Not Applicable.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of the Reporting Persons listed in item 2.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

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Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 2003

IRIDIAN ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott  
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Jeffrey M. Elliott, Executive Vice President

LC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott  
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Jeffrey M. Elliott, Executive Vice President

CL INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott  
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Jeffrey M. Elliott, President

COLE PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott  
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Jeffrey M. Elliott, Executive Vice President

IRIDIAN PRIVATE BUSINESS VALUE EQUITY FUND, L.P.  
By: COLE PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott  
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Jeffrey M. Elliott, Executive Vice President

By: /s/ David L. Cohen  
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David L. Cohen, individually

By: /s/ Harold J. Levy  
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Harold J. Levy, individually