

METRIS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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 1(b).

**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 *
HOULIHAN WILLIAM A

(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)

03/02/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	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 Securities (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)	03/02/2005	A	33,600			(2)		03/02/2013		Common Stock	33,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HOULIHAN WILLIAM A 10900 WAYZATA BOULEVARD MINNETONKA, MN 55305	Executive Vice President

Signatures

William A.
Houlihan 03/03/2005

**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.

The RSUs were granted pursuant to the Metris Companies Inc. Long-Term Incentive and Stock Option Plan, as amended, and are exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3(d). The RSUs vest in equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date over four years,

- (2) subject to the attainment of certain Company performance goals. Any RSUs not vesting or forfeited on the originally scheduled vesting date will have a second vesting opportunity four years after their original vesting date, subject to the attainment of certain Company performance goals.

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