

THL EQUITY ADVISORS IV LLC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)***

Metris Companies Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

591598 10 7

(CUSIP Number)

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CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
THL Equity Advisors IV, LLC

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**
(a) []
(b) [X]

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**
N/A

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)** []

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**
Delaware

7. **Sole Voting Power**
0

8. **Shared Voting Power**
40,838,414 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**
0

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**
40,838,414 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**
40,838,414 (See Item 5)

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)** []
13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
42.5%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
OO

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
Thomas H. Lee Equity Fund IV, L.P.

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**
(a) []
(b) [X]

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**
WC

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)** []

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**
Delaware

7. **Sole Voting Power**
0

8. **Shared Voting Power**
36,078,675 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**
0

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**
36,078,675 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**
36,078,675 (See Item 5)

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)** []
13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
37.5%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
PN

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
Thomas H. Lee Foreign Fund IV, L.P.

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**

WC

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)**

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

Delaware

7. **Sole Voting Power**

0

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

8. **Shared Voting Power**

1,247,681 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**

0

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**

1,247,681 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**

1,247,681 (See Item 5)

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)**

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
1.3%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
PN

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
 Thomas H. Lee Foreign Fund IV-B, L.P.

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**
 (a) []
 (b) [X]

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**
 WC

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)** []

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**
 Delaware

7. **Sole Voting Power**
 0

**Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With**

8. **Shared Voting Power**
 3,512,058 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**
 0

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**
 3,512,058 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**
 3,512,058 (See Item 5)

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)** []

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
3.7%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
PN

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
1997 Thomas H. Lee Nominee Trust

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**

WC

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)**

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

Massachusetts

7. **Sole Voting Power**
551,866 (See Item 5)

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

8. **Shared Voting Power**
0

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**
551,866 (See Item 5)

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**
0

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**
551,866 (See Item 5)

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)**

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
0.6%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
OO

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
David V. Harkins

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**

PF

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)**

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

United States

7. **Sole Voting Power**

156,944 (See Item 5)

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

8. **Shared Voting Power**

14,160 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**

156,944 (See Item 5)

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**

14,160 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**

171,104 (See Item 5)

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)**

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
0.2%
14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**
IN

CUSIP No. 591598 10 7

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
The 1995 Harkins Gift Trust

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**

OO

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)**

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

Massachusetts

7. **Sole Voting Power**

0

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

8. **Shared Voting Power**

14,160 (See Item 5)

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**

0

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**

14,160 (See Item 5)

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**

14,160 (See Item 5)

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)**

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**
less than 0.1%

14.