

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Schedule 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Bell Microproducts Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

078137-106

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [X]
CUSIP No. 078137-106

1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Bank Corp. 25-1435979

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

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Pennsylvania

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With	5) Sole Voting Power	399,210
	6) Shared Voting Power	0

	7) Sole Dispositive Power	427,790
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	8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 427,790

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) HC

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PNC Bancorp, Inc. 51-0326854
- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - a) []
 - b) []
- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With	5) Sole Voting Power	399,210
	6) Shared Voting Power	0
	7) Sole Dispositive Power	427,790
	8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		427,790
10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)		[]
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- 1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Bank, National Association 25-1197336
- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - a) []
 - b) []
- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) Citizenship or Place of Organization United States

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With	5) Sole Voting Power	399,210
	6) Shared Voting Power	0
	7) Sole Dispositive Power	427,790

8) Shared Dispositive Power 0

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 427,790

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12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) BK

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1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Asset Management Group, Inc. 23-2784752

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

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With

5) Sole Voting Power	399,210
6) Shared Voting Power	0

7) Sole Dispositive Power	427,790
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8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 427,490

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
Provident Capital Management, Inc. 23-2083823

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

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Pennsylvania

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With	5) Sole Voting Power	399,210
	6) Shared Voting Power	0

	7) Sole Dispositive Power	427,790
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	8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 427,790

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

ITEM 1(a) - NAME OF ISSUER:

Bell Microproducts Inc.

ITEM 1(b) - ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

1941 Ringwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131-1721

ITEM 2(a) - NAME OF PERSON FILING:

PNC Bank Corp.; PNC Bancorp, Inc.; PNC Bank, National Association; PNC Asset Management Group Inc.; and Provident Capital Management, Inc.

ITEM 2(b) - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE, OR IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

PNC Bank Corp., One PNC Plaza, 249 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2707

PNC Bancorp, Inc., 222 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19899

PNC Bank, National Association, One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15222-2707

PNC Asset Management Group, Inc., 1835 Market Street, 15th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Provident Capital Management, Inc., 1700 Market Street, Suite 2720,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ITEM 2(c) - CITIZENSHIP:

PNC Bank Corp. - Pennsylvania

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - Delaware

PNC Bank, National Association - United States

PNC Asset Management Group, Inc. - Delaware

Provident Capital Management, Inc. - Pennsylvania

ITEM 2(d) - TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock

ITEM 2(e) - CUSIP NUMBER:

078137-106

ITEM 3 - IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b),
CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act,
- (e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940,
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan, pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund,
- (g) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-(b)(ii)(G),
- (h) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

The following information is as of December 31, 1995:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:	427,790 shares
(b) Percent of Class:	5.2
(c) Number of shares to which such person has:	
(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote	399,210
(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote	0
(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	427,790
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	0

ITEM 5 - OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Not applicable.

ITEM 6 - OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not applicable.

ITEM 7 - IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED
THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Included are the following subsidiaries of PNC Bank Corp. - HC:

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - HC (wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Bank Corp.)

PNC Bank, National Association - BK (wholly owned subsidiary of
PNC Bancorp, Inc.)

PNC Asset Management Group Inc. - IA (wholly owned subsidiary of
PNC Bank, National Association)

Provident Capital Management, Inc. - IA (wholly owned subsidiary of
PNC Asset Management Group, Inc.)

ITEM 8 - IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable.

ITEM 9 - NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

ITEM 10 - CERTIFICATION.

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

SIGNATURE

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

February 12, 1996

Date

/s/ WILLIAM F. STROME

Signature - PNC Bank Corp.

William F. Strome, Senior Vice President

Name/Title

February 12, 1996

Date

/s/ PAUL L. AUDET

Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc.

Paul L. Audet, Vice President

Name/Title

February 12, 1996

Date

/s/ WILLIAM F. STROME

Signature - PNC Bank, National Association

William F. Strome, Senior Vice President

Name/Title

February 12, 1996

Date

/s/ ROBERT J. CHRISTIAN

Signature - PNC Asset Management Group, Inc.

Robert J. Christian, President

Name/Title

February 12, 1996

Date

/s/ YOUNG D. CHIN

Signature - Provident Capital Management, Inc.

Young D. Chin, President

Name/Title

SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT A

February 12, 1996

The undersigned hereby agree to file a joint statement on Schedule 13G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") in connection with their beneficial ownership of common stock issued by Bell Microproducts Inc.

Each of the undersigned states that it is entitled to individually use Schedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) of the Act.

Each of the undersigned is responsible for the timely filing of the statement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning each of them contained therein but none is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the others.

This agreement applies to any amendments to Schedule 13G.

PNC BANK CORP.

BY: /s/ WILLIAM F. STROME

William F. Strome, Senior Vice President

PNC BANCORP, INC.

BY: /s/ PAUL L. AUDET

Paul L. Audet, Vice President

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

BY: /s/ WILLIAM F. STROME

William F. Strome, Senior Vice President

PNC ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.

BY: /s/ ROBERT J. CHRISTIAN

Robert J. Christian, President

PROVIDENT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

BY: /s/ YOUNG D. CHIN

Young D. Chin, President