SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (RULE 13d-102)

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

		Bell Microproducts Inc.					
		(Name of Issuer)					
		Common Stock					
	(Ti	tle of Class of Securities)					
		078137-106					
	(CUSIP Number)						
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1)	Names of Reporting P persons PNC Bank Corp. 25-1	ersons S.S. or I.R.S. Identificati 435979	on Nos. of above				
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					
Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting		5) Sole Voting Power	567 , 600				
rei	SON WICH	6) Shared Voting Power	0				
		7) Sole Dispositive Power	582,300				
		8) Shared Dispositive Power	0				
9)	Aggregate Amount Ben	eficially Owned by Each Reporting	Person 582,300				
10)	Check if the Aggrega (See Instructions)	te Amount in Row (9) Excludes Cert	ain Shares				
11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.		6.9				
12)	Type of Reporting Pe	rson (See Instructions)	HC				
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Bell Microproducts Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

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

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4)	Citizenship or Place	of Organization	United States
	r of Shares icially Owned	5) Sole Voting Power	567,600
	ch Reporting n With	6) Shared Voting Power	0
		7) Sole Dispositive Power	582,300
		8) Shared Dispositive Power	er 0
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		(Name of Issuer)	
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2)	Check the Appropriate a) [] b) []	Box if a Member of a Group	(See Instructions)
3)	SEC USE ONLY		
4)	Citizenship or Place	of Organization	Delaware
Benef	r of Shares icially Owned	5) Sole Voting Power	567,600
By Each Reporting Person With		6) Shared Voting Power	0

b) []
3) SEC USE ONLY

		8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
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		Common Stock	
		title of Class of Securities)	
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12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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7) Sole Dispositive Power 582,300

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

(b) Percent of Class:

The following information is as of December 31, 1996:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

582,300 shares

(c) Number of shares to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote

567,600

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote

6.9

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

582,300

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

ITEM 10 - CERTIFICATION.

February 14, 1997

Name/Title

February 14, 1997

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.

> Date /s/ ROBERT L. HAUNSCHILD -----Signature - PNC Bank Corp. Robert L. Haunschild, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Name/Title February 14, 1997 -----Date /s/ PAUL L. AUDET .____ Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc. Paul L. Audet, Vice President Name/Title February 14, 1997 Date /s/ THOMAS R. MOORE Signature - PNC Bank, National Association Thomas R. Moore, Vice President and Assistant Secretary

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Signature - PNC Asset Management Group, Inc.
Brian F. Lilly, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Name/Title
February 14, 1997
Date
/s/ YOUNG D. CHIN
Signature - Provident Capital Management, Inc.
Young D. Chin, President
Name/Title

/s/ BRIAN F. LILLY

An Agreement to file a joint statement was previously filed as Exhibit A to the Schedule 13G filed February 12, 1996.