

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

-----  
(Title of Class of Securities)

078137-106

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(CUSIP Number)

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CUSIP No. 078137-106

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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	567,600
	6) Shared Voting Power	0

	7) Sole Dispositive Power	582,300
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	8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 582,300

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

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.9

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) HC

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- 1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons  
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
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|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With | 5) Sole Voting Power        | 567,600 |
|   | 6) Shared Voting Power      | 0       |
|   | 7) Sole Dispositive Power   | 582,300 |
|   | 8) Shared Dispositive Power | 0       |
- 9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 582,300
  - 10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]
  - 11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.9
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- 1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons  
PNC Bank, National Association 22-1146430\*
- 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 567,600 6) Shared Voting Power 0

7) Sole Dispositive Power 582,300

8) Shared Dispositive Power 0

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 582,300

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

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.9

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) BK

\*Reflects September 6, 1996 merger of PNC Bank, National Association with and into Midlantic Bank, National Association, with the surviving bank continuing under the name "PNC Bank, National Association."

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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 567,600 6) Shared Voting Power 0

7) Sole Dispositive Power 582,300

8) Shared Dispositive Power 0

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 582,300

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

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.9

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 567,600

6) Shared Voting Power 0

7) Sole Dispositive Power 582,300

8) Shared Dispositive Power 0

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 582,300

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

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 6.9

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

The following information is as of December 31, 1996:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:	582,300 shares
(b) Percent of Class:	6.9
(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	0
(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	582,300
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	0

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 14, 1997

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Date

/s/ ROBERT L. HAUNSCHILD

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Signature - PNC Bank Corp.

Robert L. Haunschild, Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Name/Title

February 14, 1997

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Date

/s/ PAUL L. AUDET

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Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc.

Paul L. Audet, Vice President

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Name/Title

February 14, 1997

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Date

/s/ THOMAS R. MOORE

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Signature - PNC Bank, National Association

Thomas R. Moore, Vice President and  
Assistant Secretary

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Name/Title

February 14, 1997

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Date

/s/ BRIAN F. LILLY

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Signature - PNC Asset Management Group, Inc.

Brian F. Lilly, Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

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Name/Title

February 14, 1997

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Date

/s/ YOUNG D. CHIN

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Signature - Provident Capital Management, Inc.

Young D. Chin, President

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Name/Title

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