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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 2)

Benchmark Electronics, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

08160H101  
(CUSIP Number)

July 10, 2001  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to  
which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

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West Highland Capital, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
(a) /X /  
(b) / /

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	459,100
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	459,100

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
459,100

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
2.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
CO and IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Estero Partners, LLC

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(a) /X /  
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California

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	----- 6	SHARED VOTING POWER	429,210
	-----	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
			0
		-----	8
			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
			429,210

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
429,210

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
2.2%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Lang H. Gerhard

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(a) /X /  
(b) / /

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United States

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	----- 6	SHARED VOTING POWER	459,100
	-----	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
			0
		-----	8
			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
			459,100

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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PERSON

459,100

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
2.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
IN

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IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
West Highland Partners, L.P.

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Instructions)  
(a) / /  
(b) /X /

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 376,454
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 376,454

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING  
PERSON  
376,454

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
1.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
PN

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ITEM 1.

(a) The name of the issuer is Benchmark Electronics, Inc. ("BHE").

(b) The principal executive office of BHE is located at 3000 Technology Drive, Angleton, TX 77515.

ITEM 2.

(a) The names of the persons filing this statement are West Highland Capital, Inc. ("WHC"), Lang H. Gerhard ("Gerhard"), Estero Partners, LLC ("LLC") and West Highland Partners, L.P. ("WHP") (collectively, the "Filers").

(b) The principal business office of the Filers is located at 300 Drake's Landing Road, Suite 290, Greenbrae, CA 94904.

(c) WHC is a California corporation, LLC is a California limited liability company, WHP is a California limited partnership and Gerhard is a United States citizen.

(d) This statement relates to shares of Common Stock of BHE (the "Stock").

(e) The CUSIP number of the Stock is 08160H101.

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ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to rule 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

(b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).

(e)  An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). One of the reporting persons, WHC, is a registered investment adviser and is filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b).

(f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).

(g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).

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(h) \_\_\_\_\_ A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).

(j) \_\_\_\_\_ Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

See Items 5-9 and 11 of the cover sheet for each Filer.

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ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following /X/.

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

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

WHC, LLC and Gerhard constitute a group as defined in Rule 13d-5(b)(1). WHP is filing jointly and disclaims membership in a group.

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 and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

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.

DATED: July 19, 2001

LANG H. GERHARD

WEST HIGHLAND PARTNERS,  
L.P.

By: West Highland Capital, Inc.  
Attorney-in-Fact

By: West Highland  
Capital, Inc.  
Attorney-in-Fact

By: /s/ Bonnie George  
Bonnie George  
Chief Operating Officer

By: /s/ Bonnie George  
Bonnie George,  
Chief Operating  
Officer

WEST HIGHLAND CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Bonnie George  
Bonnie George  
Chief Operating Officer

ESTERO PARTNERS, LLC

By: West Highland Capital, Inc  
Attorney-in-Fact

By: /s/ Bonnie George  
Bonnie George  
Chief Operating Officer

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING  
OF STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 13D OR 13G

The undersigned agree to file jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") any and all statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G (and any amendments or supplements thereto) required under section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with purchases by the undersigned of securities of Intermedia Communications, Inc. and any other issuer, until such time as the undersigned file with the SEC a statement terminating this Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Statement on Schedule 13D or 13G. For that purpose, the undersigned hereby constitute and appoint West Highland Capital, Inc., a California corporation, as their true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the undersigned to prepare or cause to be

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prepared, sign, file with the SEC and furnish to any other person all certificates, instruments, agreements and documents necessary to comply with section 13(d) and section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with said purchases, and to do and perform every act necessary and proper to be done incident to the exercise of the foregoing power, as fully as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, until such time as the undersigned file with the SEC a statement terminating this Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Statement on Schedule 13D or 13G.

DATED: May 15, 1998

/s/ Lang H. Gerhard  
Lang H. Gerhard

WEST HIGHLAND PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard  
Lang H. Gerhard,

General Partner

WEST HIGHLAND CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Bonnie George  
Bonnie George, Chief  
Operating Officer

BUTTONWOOD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard  
Lang H. Gerhard,  
General Partner

ESTERO PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard  
Manager

Lang H. Gerhard,

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