

Discovery Communications, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br/>                 *<br/>                 ^ ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE<br/>                 PROGRAMMING<br/>                 PARTNERSHIP<br/> <br/>                 (Last) (First) (Middle)<br/> <br/>                 5000 CAMPUSWOOD DRIVE<br/> <br/>                 (Street)<br/> <br/>                 EAST<br/>                 SYRACUSE, ^ NY ^ 13057-4250<br/> <br/>                 (City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br/>                 (Month/Day/Year)<br/>                 03/10/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br/>                 Discovery Communications, Inc. [DISC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br/> <br/>                 (Check all applicable)<br/> <br/>                 ___ Director ___X_ 10% Owner<br/>                 ___ Officer ___ Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br/>                 _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/>                 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)                   | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Series A preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 71,107,312 <u>(1)</u>                                    | D <u>(2)</u>  | ^  |
| Series C preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 71,107,312 <u>(1)</u>                                    | D <u>(2)</u>  | ^  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PROGRAMMING PARTNERSHIP<br>5000 CAMPUSWOOD DRIVE<br>EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057-4250 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Donald E.  
Newhouse

03/12/2009

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- The Series A Preferred Stock and the Series C Preferred Stock were issued to Advance/Newhouse Programming Partnership ("ANPP") in connection with an overall restructuring (the "Restructuring") of Discovery Holdings Company ("DHC") pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, dated as of June 4, 2008, by and among the Issuer, DHC and ANPP and certain of their respective affiliates. Further information regarding the Restructuring can be found in the Form 13D filed by ANPP, Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation, Advance Publications, Inc., Newhouse Family Holdings, L.P. and Advance Long-Term Management Trust with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 2008 with respect to the Issuer.
- (1) 792,361 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 792,361 shares of Series C Preferred Stock are held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Escrow Agent, pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, dated September 17, 2008, among the Issuer, ANPP and JPMorgan Chase Bank.

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