GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC Form SC 13G February 12, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

| Under the Securities Exchange Act | of 1934 |
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| (Amendment) * | |
| Global Payments Inc. | |
| (Name of Issuer) | |
| Common Stock | |
| (Title of Class of Securiti | es) |
| 37940X102 | |
| (CUSIP Number) | |
| December 31, 2001 | |
| (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of | this Statement) |
| Check the appropriate box to designate the rule purs is filed: | suant to which this Schedule |
| [X] Rule 13d-1(b) [_] Rule 13d-1(c) [_] Rule 13d-1(d) | |
| *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled ou initial filing on this form with respect to the sub- for any subsequent amendment containing information disclosures provided in a prior cover page. | ject class of securities, and |
| The information required in the remainder of this could be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the S 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Notes). | Securities Exchange Act of s of that section of the Act |
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| | Liberty Wange | er Asse | et Management, L.P. 36-382058 | 4 | | | | |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* | | | | | | | |
| ۷ | Not Applicabl | Le | | (a) [_] (b) [_] | | | | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | | | | | | | |
| | CITIZENSHIP (| OR PLA | CE OF ORGANIZATION | | | | | |
| 4 | Delaware | | | | | | | |
| | | | SOLE VOTING POWER | | | | | |
| | NUMBER OF | 5 | None | | | | | |
| | SHARES | | SHARED VOTING POWER | | | | | |
| Ι | BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 6 | 1,943,040 | | | | | |
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| | EACH | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | | | | |
| | REPORTING PERSON | | None | | | | | |
| | WITH | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | | | | | |
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| 4 Del | aware | | | | | | | |
| NUMB | NUMBER OF | | SOLE VOTING POWER | | | | | |
| SHA | RES | | SHARED VOTING POWER | | | | | |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING | | 6 | 1,943,040 | | | | | |
| | | | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | | | | |
| | | 7 | None | | | | | |
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| PER 1 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | | | | | | |
| 5.3 | } % | | | | | | | |
| TYP 2 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* | | | | | | | |
| CO | | | | | | | | |
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| tem 1(a) | Name | of Is | suer: | | | | | |
| | | Globa | l Payments Inc. | | | | | |
| tem 1(b) | Addr | ess of | Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: | | | | | |
| | | | Corporate Square ta, Georgia -2009 | | | | | |
| tem 2(a) | Name | of Pe | rson Filing: | | | | | |

Liberty Wanger Asset Management, L.P. ("WAM") WAM Acquisition GP, Inc., the general partner of WAM ("WAM GP")

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

WAM and WAM GP are located at:

227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000 Chicago, Illinois 60606

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

WAM is a Delaware limited partnership; and WAM GP is a Delaware corporation.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

37940X102

Item 3
Type of Person:

(e) WAM is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; WAM GP is the General Partner of the Investment Adviser.

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Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 2001):

(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:

1,943,040

(b) Percent of class:

5.3 % (based on 36,571,011 shares outstanding as of January 8, 2002)

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: none
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,943,040
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the
 disposition of: none
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: 1,943,040

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:

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of WAM. Persons other than WAM and WAM GP are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.

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:

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

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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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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: February 12, 2002

The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.

for itself and as general partner of
LIBERTY WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer

Senior Vice President and Secretary

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement dated as of February 12, 2002 by and between Liberty Wanger Asset Management, L.P. and WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing of the Schedule 13G to which this Agreement is attached.

Dated: February 12, 2002

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc. for itself and as general partner of LIBERTY WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer

Senior Vice President and Secretary

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