Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. Form 4 March 04, 2016 FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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Section 16.

Form 4 or

Form 5

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Rahe Maribeth S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
MATTOON, IL 61938-3987		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative So	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	ies		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	sactionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common									
Stock, par value \$0.01	03/03/2016		А	3,497 (1)	A	\$0	39,613	D	
per share									

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Rahe Maribeth S 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET MATTOON, IL 61938-3987	Х					
Signatures						
/s/ Matt Smith, Power of Attorney	(03/04/2016				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Shares represent an award under the Long Term Incentive Plan. The shares will vest in full on December 5, 2016.

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