Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

March 16, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Consolidated Communications

Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]

Symbol

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LUMPKIN RICHARD ANTHONY

X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET 03/14/2017 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MATTOON, IL 61938-3987 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, par 3,159 (1) A value 03/14/2017 \$0 D Α 12,667 \$0.01 per share By Common Benjamin I. Stock, par Lumpkin I value 309,674 2008 \$0.01 per Dynasty share Trust 277,417 I

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								By Elizabeth L. Celio 2008 Dynasty Trust
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						481,154	I	By Llving Trust FBO RIchard A. Lumpkin
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						3,500	I	By Wife (2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						106,153	I	By Benjamin I. Lumpkin 2012 Irrevocable Trust (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/14/2014	J <u>(4)</u>	919,677	D	\$0	0	I	By 1970 Trust FBO Richard A. Lumpkin

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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						Exercisable	Date		or		
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of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LUMPKIN RICHARD ANTHONY
121 SOUTH 17TH STREET

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Shirar, Power of Attorney

03/16/2017

**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, 2017.
- Mr. Lumpkin disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Lumpkin is the (2) beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. These shares are reported solely for Mr. Lumpkin as reporting person.
- (3) Mr. Lumpkin is the trustee of the Benjamin I. Lumpkin 2012 Irrevocable Trust. The beneficiaries of the Benjamin I. Lumpkin 2012 Irrevocable Trust are the descendants of Mr. Lumpkin's son, Benjamin I. Lumpkin.
- (4) On August 4, 2014, Mr. Lumpkin ceased being the trustee of this trust.

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