Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Udell C Robert JR

(Middle)

121 SOUTH 17TH STREET

(Street)

(First)

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol **Consolidated Communications**

Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/13/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned

Price

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common

per share

Stock, par value \$0.01

10/13/2006

F

Code V Amount (D)

D

(A)

68,708

D

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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							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Udell C Robert JR

Senior Vice President 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

Signatures

/s/ Charles R. 10/17/2006 Udell, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting 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) Number of shares withheld to satisfy income tax withholding obligations in connection with shares of restricted stock that vested.

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