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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

(City)

per share

Rahe Maribeth S Symbol **Consolidated Communications** (Check all applicable) Holdings, Inc. [CNSL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET 03/17/2010

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(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

Person

Issuer

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

(Zip)

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | : I - Non-Do | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securi | ties | | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | insactionAcquired (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) | |
| | | | | (A) | | Reported | | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock, par value \$0.01 | 03/17/2010 | | A(1) | 2,315 | A | \$0 | 21,919 | 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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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | Date | Expiration | | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| r g | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Rahe Maribeth S | | | | | | | |
| 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET | X | | | | | | |
| MATTOON, IL 61938-3987 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Alexander B. Young, Attorney-in-fact for Maribeth S. Rahe 03/19/2010

**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 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. The shares will vest in equal installments on December 5, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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