Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Form 5

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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e	Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)	
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					(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Shirar Steven J 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET MATTOON, IL 61938-3987	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/ David J. Doedtman, Power of
Attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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