Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

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

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value \$0.01 per share

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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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Shirar Steven J

121 SOUTH 17TH STREET Senior Vice President

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

Signatures

/s/ David J. Doedtman, Power of 12/17/2008 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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