Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. Form 4 March 04, 2016 FORM 4

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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, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

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Section 16.

Form 4 or

Form 5

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LUMPKIN RICHARD ANTHONY			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]				<u>,</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(N			(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016					XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)		
MATTOO	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Deriva	tive S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Common Stock, par	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Executio any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) Code V	on(A) on (Instr	r Disp . 3, 4 a	s Acquosed c and 5) (A) or (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
value \$0.01 per share	03/03/2016			А	3,49	7 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$0	9,508	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share									309,674	I	By Benjamin I. Lumpkin 2008 Dynasty Trust
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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 Living 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	Ι	By Benjamin I. Lumpkin 2012 Irrevocable Trust <u>(3)</u>		
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. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number									

number. Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerce Expiration D		7. Titl Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date		or Number		
									Number		

of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LUMPKIN RICHARD ANTHONY 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET MATTOON, IL 61938-3987	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ Matt Smith, Power of Attorney	03/04/	2016						
<pre>**Signature of Reporting Person</pre>	Date	e						
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, 2016.

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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