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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Shirar Steven J

(First)

(State)

Symbol

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2013

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

Issuer (Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

121 SOUTH 17TH STREET

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 Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

106,113

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

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

Amount

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common

per share

Stock, par 03/12/2013 value \$0.01

 $A^{(1)}$

28,364 \$0 Α

(A)

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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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

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Signatures

/s/ Matt Smith, Power of 03/13/2013 Attorney

**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).
- Shares represent an award under the Long Term Incentive Plan. The shares will vest in equal installments on December 5, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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