

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shirar Steven J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 121 SOUTH 17TH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

MATTOON, IL 61938-3987

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/16/2008		F		1,385 (1)	D	\$ 10.61
					86,861	D	

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

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