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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Shir Steven J</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>121 SOUTH 17TH STREET</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>MATTOON IL 61938-3987</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/21/2005</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Consolidated Communications Illinois Holdings, Inc. [ CNSL ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>99,822<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Call Equivalent Position<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>18,118</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>D</u>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares acquired pursuant to a reorganization as described in the issuer's registration statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-121086). Shares were originally awarded under a restricted share plan pursuant to which a cumulative 50% of the shares are vested on the day prior to the reorganization. The remaining 50% will vest in three equal installments on December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- Represents a pecuniary interest in shares held by Central Illinois Telephone LLC which will be distributed in-kind and pro-rata to the reporting person's interest in Central Illinois Telephone LLC promptly after the closing of, or expiration of, the over-allotment option of the issuer's initial public offering. Reporting person has no beneficial interest in the shares held by Central Illinois Telephone LLC.

**Remarks:**

James N. Pepin, Power of Attorney 07/21/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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Power of Attorney

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Steven L. Grissom and Alexander A. Gendzier and James N. Pepin, of King & Spalding LLP, the Company's counsel, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or a stockholder owning more than 10% of Consolidated

Communications Holdings, Inc.'s (the "Company") common stock, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such forms with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being

understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of such substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each attorney-in-fact, or each attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to either of the foregoing attorneys -in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of July, 2005.

By: /s/ Steven J.  
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Name: Steven J.  
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