CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

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CHILDERS STEVEN L

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	121 SOUTH 17TH STREET MATTOON, IL 61938
Telephone	(217) 235-3311
CIK	0001304421
Symbol	CNSL
SIC Code	4813 - Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone
Industry	Communications Services
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Childers Steven L	**Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. [CNSL]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) **121 SOUTH 17TH STREET**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **12/5/2009**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Chief Financial Officer**
(Street) **MATTOON, IL 61938-3987** (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	**12/5/2009**		**F**		**1822** (1)	**D**	**$16.11**	**91333**	**D**	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Number of shares withheld to satisfy income tax withholding obligations in connection with shares of restricted stock that vested.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Childers Steven L **121 SOUTH 17TH STREET** **MATTOON, IL 61938-3987**			**Chief Financial Officer**	

Signatures

Alexander B. Young, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven L. Childers — **12/14/2009**

** 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 4(b)(v).

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EXHIBIT 24

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Steven J. Shirar, Steven L. Childers, Matt Smith and Marcia Hussong and Peter L. Rossiter, Lauralyn G. Bengel, Alexander B. Young and Paul A. Bernacki of Schiff Hardin 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 any of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby revokes any Power of Attorney granted by the undersigned prior to the date hereof to agents or employees of the Company with respect to the matters set forth in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2nd day of November, 2009.

By: /s/ Steven L. Childers

Name: Steven L. Childers