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Form 8-K
December 23, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 22, 2010

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-51446	02-0636095
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS employer identification no.)

121 South 17th Street	
Mattoon, Illinois	61938-3987
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (217) 235-3311

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On December 22, 2010, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), through two of its wholly owned subsidiaries, Consolidated Communications Services Company ("CCSC") and Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company ("ICTC" and together with CCSC, the "Tenants" and each, a "Tenant"), entered into three separate lease agreements with LATEL, LLC ("LATEL"), as described below (the "New Leases"). The three separate premises covered under the New Leases (the "Premises") were previously covered under the lease agreement entered into as of December 31, 2002 between LATEL and ICTC (the "Old Lease"). Concurrent with the effectiveness of the New Leases, the Old Lease was terminated with respect to the Premises. On February 28, 2010, as part of the sale of the Company's telemarketing business, the Company assigned all of its right, title and interest in the lease agreement entered into as of December 31, 2002 with respect to premises located in Charleston, Illinois. The Old Lease will terminate in July 2011 pursuant to its original terms, with respect to the sales and administration building in Mattoon, Illinois, the only property remaining under the Old Lease.

Each New Lease has a term of ten years and six months and provides each Tenant with two separate options to extend the respective lease for additional five-year terms. For the premises identified in the respective New Lease as the "Field Operations Building" in Mattoon, Illinois, the initial aggregate annual rent is \$130,632. For the premises identified in the respective New Lease as the "General Operations Building" in Mattoon, Illinois, the initial aggregate annual rent is \$508,200. For the Taylorville, Illinois premises, the initial aggregate annual rent is \$26,820. For each New Lease, the annual rent amount increases by 2.5% per year through the final year of the initial term.

The Chairman of the Company, Richard A. Lumpkin, and his immediate family have a beneficial ownership interest of 74.85% of LATEL, directly or through Agracel, Inc. ("Agracel"). Agracel is a real estate investment company of which Mr. Lumpkin, together with his family, have a beneficial interest of 49.7%. In addition, Mr. Lumpkin is a director of Agracel. Agracel is the sole managing member and 50% owner of LATEL.

Each of the New Leases has been approved by the Company's Audit Committee pursuant to the Company's Related Person Transactions Policy.

ITEM 1.02. TERMINATION OF A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.02.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) EXHIBITS.

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10.1	Lease Agreement, dated December 22, 2010, between LATEL, LLC and Consolidated Communications Services Company.
10.2	Lease Agreement, dated December 22, 2010, between LATEL, LLC and Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.
10.3	Lease Agreement, dated December 22, 2010, between LATEL, LLC and Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 22, 2010

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Steven L. Childers

Name: Steven L. Childers
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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