SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 6)

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

203900 10 5 (CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement __.(A fee is not required only if he filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 S.S. OR IRS IDENTIFICAT	CION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Curtis A. Sampson ###-##-####				
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE E	OX IF A MEMBER OF A GROU	JP*			
N/A			(a) - (b) -		
3 SEC USE ONLY					
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF	ORGANIZATION UNITED STATES				
NUMBER OF	5 SOLE VOTING POWER 1,298,728				
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER 374,488				

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH REPORTING 1,298,728 PERSON

WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

374,488

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,673,216

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXLCUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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The undersigned hereby amends Item 4 of his Schedule 13G relating to the common stock of Communications Systems, Inc., so as to read as follows:

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

The following ownership of Curtis A. Sampson as of December 31, 1996 in the common stock of Communications Systems, Inc. was as follows:

(a) A	mount Beneficially Owned	1,673,216
(b) P	b) Percent of Voting Shares Outstanding	
(c) N	Number of shares as to which person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or direct the vote:	1,298,728
(ii)	Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	374,488
(iii)	Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	1,298,728
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	374,488

The shares listed above include 1,239,728 shares owned by Mr. Sampson directly, 59,000 shares issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options, 13,898 shares owned by Mr.Sampson's wife, 339,441 shares owned by the Communications Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("CSI ESOP") and 21,149 shares owned by the Hector Communications Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan of which Mr. Sampson is a co-trustee ("Hector ESOP"). Mr. Sampson disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his wife and disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the CSI and Hector ESOP's in excess of the shares allocated to his account, which totaled 20,662 at December 31, 1996.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 1997

/s/ Curtis A. Sampson Curtis A. Sampson