

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

WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 374,488

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

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 18.37%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IN

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) Amount Beneficially Owned 1,673,216
(b) Percent of Voting Shares Outstanding 18.37%
(c) 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