



EACH REPORTING PERSON 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 541,350

WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 541,350

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 5.94%

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 John C. Ortman as of December 31, 1996 in the common stock of Communications Systems, Inc. was as follows:

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned 541,350
(b) Percent of Voting Shares Outstanding 5.94%
(c) Number of shares as to which person has:
(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 541,350
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 0
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 541,350
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 0

The shares listed above include 12,000 shares issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options.

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/ John C. Ortman
John C. Ortman