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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address SAMPSON CUR (Last) | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, CEO | | | | |
|--|---|------------|--|---|---|--------------|--|--|------------------|--|-------------------------|
| PO BOX 777, S M HECTOR, MN 5: | (Street) | | 01/19/2005 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | ;) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | l of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities 6. Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) Form: | | Beneficial | | | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | v | Amount | or | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | 01/19/2005 | | S | | 5,000 (2) | D | \$ 12.90 | 1,071,717 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 16,323 | Ι | Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 25,776.26 | Ι | *ESOP (1) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|----|--------|-------|--------------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | 5. | | 6. Date Exer | cisable | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transacti | on | Numł | ber | and Expirati | on Date | Amou | unt of | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | | of | | (Month/Day | /Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Deriv | ative | | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative | | | | | Secur | | | | (Instr | . 3 and | | Owned | Security: | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | | Acqu | ired | | | 4) | | | 0 | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | | (A) 01 | | | | | | | 1 | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | | Dispo | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | (Instr | · · · | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4, and | 15) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Exercisable | * | Title | Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Excicisable | Date | | of | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| SAMPSON CURTIS A PO BOX 777 S MAIN ST HECTOR, MN 55342 | Х | Х | Chairman, CEO | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Curtis A. Sampson | 01/20/2005 |
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Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Acquired pursuant to Communications Systems Inc Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust
- (2) Stock sold pursuant to Stock Sale Plan 10b5-1 previously filed.

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