

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hlavka Kristin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller

MINNETONKA, MN 55343  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 7,496.141 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)                | \$ 6.85  | 03/15/2016                           |  | A                              | 7,469   | 03/15/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/15/2023                     | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| Hlavka Kristin<br>10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE<br>MINNETONKA, MN 55343 |               |           | Controller |       |

## Signatures

Suzette McNally, Attorney-in-Fact for Kristin Hlavka  
 Date: 03/17/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

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) Reflects all Employee Stock Purchase Plan and ESOP issuances through 3/17/2016.

(2) Option vests as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of date of grant.

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