

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>Lacey Roger HD |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS] |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br>CEO |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/31/2017   |   |  |
| 10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE                                     |         |   |  |   |  |
| (Street)   |         |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)   |   |  |
| MINNETONKA, MN 55343                                       |         |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            | 44,046.9703 (1)   | 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)

| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |  |  | Title |
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)                | \$ 4.40  | 03/31/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 56,250  |     | 03/31/2018(2)  | 03/31/2024      | Common Stock  | 56,250                                     | \$ 0   | 56,250   | D  |       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lacey Roger HD<br>10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE<br>MINNETONKA, MN 55343 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Suzette McNally, Attorney-in-Fact for Roger HD Lacey | 04/04/2017          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>       | <small>Date</small> |

## 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 March 31, 2017.

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

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