UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TOWNSEND KIRK E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77041

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/29/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP and Pres US Div

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S		2,400	D	$ 40.38	31,702 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S		100	D	$ 40.33	31,602 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S		900	D	$ 40.31	30,702 (1)	D	

Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S	500	D	$ 40.59	30,202 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S	2,000	D	$ 40.52	28,202 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S	1,000	D	$ 40.51	27,202 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	07/29/2005		S	600	D	$ 40.36	26,602 (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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOWNSEND KIRK E 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD			Sr VP and Pres US Div	

HOUSTON, TX 77041

Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-Fact for Kirk E. Townsend	08/02/2005
**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) Includes 323 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan and 912 shares through the 401(k) Plan.

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