

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

**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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77041

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2006

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) 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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Unit Appreciation Right	\$ 25.94	12/13/2006	A	42,857					01/01/2009	03/15/2010	Common Units	42,857 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
TOWNSEND KIRK E 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77041	Sr VP and Pres US Div

Signatures

Kelly M. Battle, Attorney-in-Fact for Kirk E.
Townsend

12/13/2006

____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).

The unit appreciation right is exercisable for cash only. Upon exercise of the unit appreciation right, the recipient is entitled to receive
(1) cash equal to the excess of the fair market value of a common unit of Universal Compression Partners, L.P. on the date of exercise over the exercise price of that unit appreciation right.

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