

TOWNSEND KIRK E  
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 \*  
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2007

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

HOUSTON, TX 77041

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

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(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 or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007		M		13,635 A \$ 22	46,065 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007		S		100 D \$ 64.95	45,965 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007		S		100 D \$ 65.04	45,865 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par	03/15/2007		S		800 D \$ 65.05	45,065 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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value \$0.01

Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	1,400	D	\$ 65.11	43,665 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.12	43,465 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	1,400	D	\$ 65.13	42,065 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.15	41,865 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	1,000	D	\$ 65.17	40,865 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.18	40,765 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.19	40,565 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	1,100	D	\$ 65.2	39,465 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.22	39,265 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	500	D	\$ 65.27	38,765 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.29	38,665 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.34	38,565 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	935	D	\$ 65.35	37,630 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	300	D	\$ 65.36	37,330 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.37	37,230 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.39	37,130 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.4	36,930 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	500	D	\$ 65.43	36,430 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	100	D	\$ 65.49	36,330 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	2,300	D	\$ 65.5	34,030 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.51	33,830 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 65.56	33,630 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/15/2007	S	1,200	D	\$ 65.65	32,430 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

Stock										
Option	\$ 22	03/15/2007	M	13,635	05/23/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/23/2010	Common		13,633	
(right to buy)							Stock			

## 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

Donald C. Wayne, Attorney-in-Fact for Kirk E. Townsend	03/19/2007
**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 463 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan, 1,170 shares through the 401(k) Plan and 292 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) This option vests in three equal installments beginning on 5/23/01.

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