

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC
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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 *
 SNIDER STEPHEN A

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)
 12/13/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77041
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	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 of 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	85,714	01/01/2009	03/15/2010	Common Units	85,714 (1)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SNIDER STEPHEN A 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77041	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

Kelly M. Battle, Attorney-in-fact for Stephen A. Snider	12/13/2006
<u> </u> 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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