UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

Form 4

August 08, 2007

FORM 4

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

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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,

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DOWNES SEAN P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. [UVE]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2007

BOULEVARD,, SUITE 100

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Senior VP and COO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Form filed by More than One Reporting

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(State)

1110 WEST COMMERCIAL

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti

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any

Code

Securities

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			,		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Option to Purchase Common Stock (1)	\$ 6.5	07/12/2007		A		700,000		07/12/2008(2)	07/12/2012	Common Stock	700,

Reporting Owners

or Exercise

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DOWNES SEAN P							
1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 100	X		Senior VP and COO				

Signatures

/s/ Sean P.

Security

Downes 08/07/2007

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

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).
- Option was granted in connection with (i) Addendum No. 2 to the Employment Agreement by and between Universal Insurance
 Holdings, Inc. ("Universal") and Sean P. Downes that, among other things, extended the term of Mr. Downes' employment agreement to
 December 31, 2009 and (ii) the related Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement by and between Universal and Mr. Downes, each dated
 July 12, 2007.
- This option shall only be exercisable on such date or dates as the Fair Market Value (as defined in the Non-Qualified Stock Option (2) Agreement) of Universal's Common Stock is and has been at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the exercise price for the previous twenty (20) consecutive trading days.

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