

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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See Instruction
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 *
CHILDERS D BRADLEY2. 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)
12/20/20064. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)

Sr. VP & President, Int'l Div

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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)
Common Stock, Par value \$0.01	12/20/2006		M	1,580	A \$ 19.03	31,594 ⁽¹⁾	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.03	12/20/2006		M	1,580	<u>(2)</u>	09/03/2012	Common Stock	1,580

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CHILDERS D BRADLEY 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77041	Sr. VP & President, Int'l Div

Signatures

Kelly M. Battle, Attorney-in-Fact for D. Bradley
Childers 12/20/2006

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).
- (1) Includes 830 shares through the 401(k) Plan, 1214 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 285 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan.
- (2) This option vested in three equal installments in September 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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