

WILSON MICHAEL D
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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 *
WILSON MICHAEL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2831 29TH STREET, NW
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
VP, Corp Ctlr., Pr. Acct. Off.

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price | | |
| Acquisition of Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/18/2006 | | M | | 2,500 A \$ 28.148 | 2,500 | D |
| Sale of Common Stock | 12/18/2006 | | S | | 2,500 D \$ 41.86 | 0 | D |

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 (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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 41.86 | 12/18/2006 | | M | 2,500 | 12/12/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 12/12/2010 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILSON MICHAEL D 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008 | | | VP, Corp Ctlr., Pr. Acct. Off. | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael
Wilson 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).

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Reflects the grant of Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARS") with respect to 10,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

Seventy-five percent of the SAR grant (7,500 shares) is subject to time vesting, one-third (2,500) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on each of the first three anniversary dates from December 12, 2005, provided Mr. Wilson remains continuously employed (1) by Golden Telecom, Inc. or one of its subsidiaries or business units until each such relevant date. The exercise price shall increase by five percent on each anniversary date after December 12, 2005 in association with the SARS that shall be and become vested and nonforfeitable on each such anniversary date. Twenty-five percent of the SARS granted (2,500 shares) are subject to performance vesting upon the Company's common stock achieving a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days.

If the Company's Common Stock does not achieve a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days within (2) three years of the date of grant, such portion of the SARS granted subject to performance vesting shall expire by its terms and shall not be exercisable.

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