

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC  
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Registration No. 333-50302

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO  
FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-3989167  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4440 BRITTMOORE ROAD  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77041  
(713) 335-7000  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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AGENT FOR SERVICE:

STEPHEN A. SNIDER  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS, INC.  
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telephone number, including area code,  
of agent for service)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO PUBLIC: This  
post-effective amendment removes from registration those shares of Universal  
Compression Holdings, Inc. common stock that remain unsold hereunder as of the  
effective date hereof.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered  
pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the  
following box. / /

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered  
on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act  
of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or

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interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. / /

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. / /

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. / /

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. / /

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THIS POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(c) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(c), MAY DETERMINE.

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DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

On November 20, 2000, Universal Compression Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-50302) covering the sale of 900,726 shares of Universal's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, from time to time by selling stockholders named in the prospectus. This registration statement was filed to register the sale of the remaining shares of Universal common stock issued to the former stockholders of Gas Compression Services, Inc. that were not covered under a previous registration statement of Form S-3 (No. 333-46208) filed on September 20, 2000. These shares were issued as part of Universal's acquisition of Gas Compression Services, Inc. on September 15, 2000. On January 5, 2001, Universal filed a pre-effective amendment to this registration statement, and the Commission declared it effective on January 11, 2001.

In accordance with the undertaking contained in Part II, Item 17(A) (3) of the registration statement pursuant to Item 512(a) (3) of Regulation S-K, Universal is filing this post-effective amendment to remove from registration all of the shares that remain unsold under the registration statement as of the date hereof. Universal is deregistering these shares because its obligation to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement pursuant to the terms of the Registration Agreement between Universal and the selling stockholders, dated September 15, 2000, has expired.

Accordingly, Universal is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statements on Form S-3 to deregister the number of shares of its common stock covered by the registration statement that remain unsold as of the date hereof.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Rule 478(a)(4) thereunder, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on May 30, 2002.

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ STEPHEN A. SNIDER

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Stephen A. Snider  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AGENT FOR SERVICE