UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 31, 2016

Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 10802 Executive Center Drive Benton Building Suite 300 Little Rock, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

001-36708 (Commission File Number) **46-5230630** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

72211 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (501) 850-0820

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 31, 2016, Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), filed a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") covering the offer and sale from time to time of up to 1,875,469 shares of the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock") by the selling stockholders identified therein (the "Selling Stockholders"). The Selling Stockholders acquired such shares in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 20, 2016, as amended, by and among the Company, CSL Fiber Holdings LLC, Thor Merger Sub Inc., Tower Cloud, Inc. ("Tower Cloud"), and Shareholder Representative Services LLC, in the capacity as representative of the equityholders of Tower Cloud.

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to provide the legal opinion and consent of its counsel, Kutak Rock LLP, regarding the legality of the Common Stock covered by the Prospectus Supplement, which opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

5.1 Opinion of Kutak Rock LLP.

23.1 Consent of Kutak Rock LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 31, 2016

Exhibit <u>No.</u>

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No.

COMMUNICATIONS SALES & LEASING, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel L. Heard

Description

Name: Daniel L. Heard Title: Executive Vice President — General Counsel and Secretary

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[LETTERHEAD OF KUTAK ROCK LLP]

August 31, 2016

Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc. 10802 Executive Center Drive Benton Building Suite 300 Little Rock, AR 72211

Re: <u>Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-212046)</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law relating to the resale of up to 1,875,469 shares (the "Selling Stockholders' Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, by the stockholders (the "Selling Stockholders") named under the caption "Selling Stockholders" in the Prospectus Supplement (as defined below). The offering and sale of the Selling Stockholders' Shares are covered by the above-referenced registration statement on Form S-3 (together with all amendments thereto, the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinions hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement and the base prospectus included therein in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act;

2. The prospectus supplement, dated August 31, 2016, in the form in which it is to be transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act (the "Prospectus Supplement");

3. The Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated June 20, 2016, as amended, by and among the Company and each of the parties listed on the signature pages thereto (the "Merger Agreement");

4. The Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company (the "Charter"), which were accepted by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT") as of April 10, 2015, and which have been certified by the SDAT;

5. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, which were adopted by the board of directors of the Company as of April 9, 2015;

6. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;

7. Certain resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating to, among other matters, authorization of the filing of the Registration Statement and the execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement; and

8. Such other documents, statutes, ordinances, regulations, certificates and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to

do so.

2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.

3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.

4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. All Documents submitted to us as certified, photostatic or other copies conform to the original documents. All Documents upon which we have relied are accurate and complete. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete and remain so as of the date of this letter.

5. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.

6. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed, delivered or filed.

7. All signatures on the Documents submitted to us for examination are genuine.

8. All representations, warranties, statements, and information contained in the Documents are accurate and correct.

9. Each individual executing a certificate is authorized to do so and has knowledge about all matters stated therein. The contents of each such certificate are accurate and complete and remain so as of the date of this letter.

10. None of the Selling Stockholders' Shares have been issued or transferred in violation of the restrictions on transfer and ownership contained in Article Seven of the Charter.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland.

2. The issuance of the Selling Stockholders' Shares was duly authorized and the Selling Stockholders' Shares are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to compliance with any federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of any judicial decision which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the Selling Stockholders' Shares (the "Current Report"), which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and the said incorporation by reference and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ KUTAK ROCK LLP