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# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DRESSEL MELANIE J		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2013					_X Director 10% Owner Specify below) below)  President and CEO			
WA	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execut	eemed tion Date, if n/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		(A) c l of (D	))	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	02/27/2013			A	7,500 (1)	A	\$0	76,257	D		
Common Stock								2,408	I	North Mason Fiber	
Common Stock								8,788	I	401(k)	
Common Stock								51,134	I	Family Trust LLC	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DRESSEL MELANIE J

X President and CEO

WA

### **Signatures**

/s/ Cathleen L Dent on behalf of Melanie J
Dressel

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

03/01/2013

#### **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) Restricted Stock Award

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