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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) 03/08/2013						_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title 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)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or				d of (D) 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)			
Common Stock	03/08/2013			Code	V	Amount 200	(D)	Price \$ 20.68	76,057	D		
Common Stock	03/08/2013			S		200	D	\$ 20.67	75,857	D		
Common Stock	03/08/2013			S		300	D	\$ 20.67	75,557	D		
Common Stock	03/08/2013			S		300	D	\$ 20.67	75,257	D		
Common Stock	03/08/2013			S		200	D	\$ 20.67	75,057	D		

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Common Stock	2,408	I	North Mason Fiber
Common Stock	8,788	I	401(k)
Common Stock	51,134	I	Family Trust LLC

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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. Transa Code (Instr. 3	ction	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	v	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting of their runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DRESSEL MELANIE J								
	X		President and CEO					
WA								
Signatures								

Signatures

/s/ Cathleen L Dent 03/08/2013

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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).

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