

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 STEELE SALLY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 772 STATE ROUTE 1001
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/17/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|----------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 22.94 | 01/17/2007 | | | A | | 3,817 | | 01/17/2007 | 01/17/2017 | Common Stock | 3,817 |
| Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) | (1) | 01/17/2007 | | | A | | 496.28 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 496.28 |
| Deferred Stock (Deferred Comp.) | (3) | 01/17/2007 | | | A | | 2,107.99 | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 2,107.99 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STEELE SALLY A 772 STATE ROUTE 1001 TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657 | | | X | |

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney

01/19/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- (2) Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.
- (3) Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- (4) Awards relating to the Deferred Stock units (Deferred Comp. Plan) may be settled upon the reporting person's attainment of age 55.

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