

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC
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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 *
 SABIA PETER 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

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

133 WALNUT STREET

(Street)

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

DUNMORE, PA 18512

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 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) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V | 60,763 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 73,057 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 60,615.894 | I | By Valley Dodge Truck Center |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | J ⁽²⁾ | V | 13,751 | D | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 3,001 | I | By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated May 7, 2004 |
| | | | | | 6,120 | I | |

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|-----------------|------------|--|------------------|---|--------|---|------|--------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | Trustee, Sabia Family Foundation | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | J ⁽³⁾ | V | 44,531 | D | \$ 0 | 56,436 | I | By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated April 7, 2005 |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | V | 2,481 | D | \$ 0 | 59,800 | I | By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated October 13, 2005 |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SABIA PETER A 133 WALNUT STREET DUNMORE, PA 18512 | X | | | |

Signatures

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

05/04/2006

__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) The reporting person acquired 60,763 shares from various Trust Agreement accounts.
- (2) The reporting person transferred 13,751 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust, dated May 7, 2004 to his account.
- (3) The reporting person transferred 44,531 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust, dated April 7, 2005 to his account.
- (4) The reporting person transferred 2,481 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust, dated October 13, 2005 to his account.

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