

COLUMBIA BANKING 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 *
HULBERT TOM

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)
1301 A STREET, STE. 800, MS-3100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2007

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

TACOMA 98402-4200
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following 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) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2007 | | P | 1,820 | A \$ 9.9 | 36,145 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2007 | | P | 1,820 | A \$ 11.92 | 37,965 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2007 | | P | 1,050 | A \$ 14.4 | 39,015 | D |

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| NQSO (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.9 | 05/04/2007 | | M | 1,820 | 06/28/2003 06/28/2008 | COLB 3,640 | \$ |
| NQSO (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.92 | 05/04/2007 | | M | 1,820 | 05/15/2004 05/15/2009 | COLB 1,820 | \$ 1 |
| NQSO (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.4 | 05/04/2007 | | M | 1,050 | 04/23/2006 04/23/2011 | COLB 1,050 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HULBERT TOM 1301 A STREET, STE. 800, MS-3100 TACOMA 98402-4200 | | X | | |

Signatures

Cathleen Dent 05/08/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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