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COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC Form 4 February 24, 2015 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DRESSEL MELANIE J Issuer Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM (Check all applicable) INC [COLB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1301 "A" STREET 02/20/2015 President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TACOMA**, WA 98402 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common \$ 02/20/2015 F 665 D 77,555 D Stock 28.1 Common \$ 02/23/2015 F 1,010 D 76,545 D 28.1 Stock North Common 2,408 I Mason Stock Fiber Common 9.136 I 401(k) Stock Common Family 51,134 Ι Stock Trust LLC

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
DRESSEL MELANIE J 1301 "A" STREET TACOMA, WA 98402	Х		President and CEO						
Signatures									
/s/ Cathleen Dent on behalf of Dressel	02/24/2015								

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

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

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