

PUCELLA MICHAEL
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PUCELLA MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DIME COMMUNITY
BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

209 HAVEMEYER STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	A	1,011	A	\$ 13.3	42,387	I	Bmp
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	30,599	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	0	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	46,228	I	Esop

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,025	I	Other
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,643	I	Restricted Stock Awards

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/26/1997 12/26/2006	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.91	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/21/2002 11/21/2011	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.36	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/21/2002 11/21/2011	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.16	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2004 02/01/2013	Common Stock	20,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PUCELLA MICHAEL
209 HAVEMEYER STREET Â Â Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Â
BROOKLYN,Â NYÂ 11211

Signatures

/s/ MICHAEL 02/24/2009
PUCELLA

 Signature of Reporting Date
 Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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