

Bolus Mark J.
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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 *
Bolus Mark J.

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)
05/18/2012

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

R.R. #1, BOX 412A

(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

DALTON, PA 18414

(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) | 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) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 51,332.3876 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,403.154 (2) | I | By Mark Bolus Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 165.9286 (3) | I | By daughter, Taylor Bolus |
| Common Stock | | | | | 165.9286 (3) | I | By daughter, |

| | | | | |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | 165.9286 ⁽³⁾ | I | Paige Bolus By son, Austin Bolus |
| Common Stock | | 165.9286 ⁽³⁾ | I | By son, Noah Bolus |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation) | ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/18/2012 | | A | | 94.697 | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 94.697 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bolus Mark J. R.R. #1, BOX 412A DALTON, PA 18414 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Mark J. Bolus

05/22/2012

 **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) Includes 471.952 shares acquired on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Includes 49.499 shares acquired on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(3) Includes 1.541 shares acquired on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of
(4) phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.

(5) Includes 22.5698 units of phantom stock acquired on April 10, 2012 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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