

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC
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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 *
HIRSCHEY LEE T

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)
300 CHIPPEWA POINT ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2006

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

HAMMOND, NY 13346
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2006 | | M | 6,712 A \$ 17.4063 | 19,396 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2006 | | S | 6,712 D \$ 23.3502 | 12,684 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2006 | | M | 28,300 A \$ 17.4063 | 40,984 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2006 | | S | 28,300 D \$ 23.0681 | 12,684 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,000 | I | By Spouse |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 26,080 | I | Trustee, Climax Manufacturing Company, Employee Retirement Plan |
|-----------------|--------|---|---|

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 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 17.4063 | 12/20/2006 | | M | | | | 05/13/1998 | 12/31/2007 | Common Stock | 6,712 |
| Stock Option | \$ 17.4063 | 12/21/2006 | | M | | | | 05/13/1998 | 12/31/2007 | Common Stock | 28,300 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HIRSCHEY LEE T
300 CHIPPEWA POINT ROAD X
HAMMOND, NY 13346

Signatures

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

12/22/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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