

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC

Form 4

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PATTERSON DAVID CHARLES

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)

256 POTTER ROAD

(Street)

CANTON, NY 13617

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/10/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | 23,608                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | 5,680.57 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                            | I                                                                    | By<br>Trustee,<br>W&P P.S.<br>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<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|                                                  |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                         | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
| Deferred Stock<br>(Deferred<br>Compensation)     | (2)                                                                   | 01/10/2008                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                           | 176.7597                                                       |     | (2)                                                            | (2)                | Common<br>Stock | 176                        |
| Deferred Stock<br>(Deferred<br>Compensation)     | (2)                                                                   | 04/10/2008                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                           | 129.4892                                                       |     | (2)                                                            | (2)                | Common<br>Stock | 129                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PATTERSON DAVID CHARLES<br>256 POTTER ROAD<br>CANTON, NY 13617 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for David Charles Patterson 06/24/2008

\_\_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 39.067 and 31.308 shares acquired on January 10, 2008 and April 10, 2008, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Awards relating to the deferred stock units (Deferred Comp. Plan) may be settled upon the reporting person's attainment of age 55.

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