

DICERBO NICHOLAS A
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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 *
DICERBO NICHOLAS A

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)
12/31/2012

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

2835 WEST RIVER ROAD

(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

OLEAN, NY 14760

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2012 | | G | V 5,759 (1) D \$ 0 | 122,125.1674 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | M | 3,118 (2) A \$ 0 | 125,243.1674 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 100,810.9066 | I | By Law Firm (Partner) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 864.467 | I | By Spouse |

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 (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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation) | (3) | 12/31/2012 | | M | 3,118 (4) | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 3,118 |
| Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) | (5) | | | | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 18,060 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DICERBO NICHOLAS A 2835 WEST RIVER ROAD OLEAN, NY 14760 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Nicholas A. DiCerbo

01/02/2013

__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) Gifts to the reporting person's children and their respective spouses.

Each phantom stock unit relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. On December 31, 2012, the reporting person's phantom stock units were settled for an equal number of shares and cash for .3148 share at \$27.36 per share.

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

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selected by the reporting person.

- (4) 3,118.3148 phantom stock units were settled for 3,118 shares of common stock and cash for .3148 share at \$27.36.

Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Phantom Stock (Stock

- (5) Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

- (6) Includes 673.63 units of phantom stock acquired during 2012 under the Stock Balance Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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