

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 *
ROSS TIMOTHY

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)
6635 KIRKVILLE ROAD, P.O. BOX 178

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/10/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Pres, Bus. Development

(Street)
EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | M | | | 30,000 | A | \$ 12.4165 | 37,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | M | | | 4,500 | A | \$ 6.625 | 41,900 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | M | | | 5,500 | A | \$ 5.7291 | 47,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | S | | | 10,000 | A | \$ 19.0505 | 37,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | S | | | 15,000 | A | \$ 18.8655 | 22,400 | D | |

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Common Stock 03/10/2006 S 15,000 A \$ 19.0666 7,400 D

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 12.4165 | 03/10/2006 | | M | 30,000 | 11/02/1999 11/02/2009 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 6.625 | 03/10/2006 | | M | 4,500 | 11/10/1997 11/10/2007 | Common Stock | 4,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 5.7291 | 03/10/2006 | | M | 5,500 | 11/19/1998 11/19/2008 | Common Stock | 5,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROSS TIMOTHY 6635 KIRKVILLE ROAD P.O. BOX 178 EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057 | | | Vice Pres, Bus. Development | |

Signatures

David M. Ferrara, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 03/13/2006

__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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