

SABIA PETER A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SABIA PETER 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)  
133 WALNUT STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2005

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

DUNMORE, PA 18512

(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)
Common Stock					12,294	D	
Common Stock					60,122.898 (1)	I	By Valley Dodge Truck Center
Common Stock	12/09/2005		J	62,281 D	(2) 0	I	By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 7/31/03
	12/09/2005		J	62,281 A	(2) 62,281	I	

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Common Stock						By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 10/13/2005
Common Stock		16,752		I		By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 5/7/04
Common Stock		6,120		I		Trustee, Sabia Family Foundation
Common Stock		100,967		I		By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 4/7/05

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SABIA PETER A 133 WALNUT STREET DUNMORE, PA 18512		X		

## Signatures

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

12/13/2005

\_\_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 410.684 and 506.887 shares acquired on July 11, 2005 and October 11, 2005, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) The reporting person transferred 62,281 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust, dated July 31, 2003, to the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust, dated October 13, 2005.

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