

COLUMBIA BANKING 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 <input type="checkbox"/>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
DRESSEL MELANIE J			COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]	(Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			06/30/2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	President and CEO
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	06/30/2006		P	A \$ 26.397	4,483 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2005		P	A \$ 22.158	3,881 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		I	V 15 A \$ 24.7	5,277	I	401(k)
Common Stock					46,932	I	Family Trust LLC
Common Stock					2,408	I	North Mason Fiber

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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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.2					04/23/2000 04/23/2005	Common Stock	3,310
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77					01/20/2002 01/20/2007	Common Stock	8,488
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77					01/20/2002 01/20/2007	Common Stock	5,519
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.82					12/03/2003 12/05/2008	Common Stock	12,128

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

DRESSEL MELANIE J

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President and CEO

Signatures

/s/Cathleen Dent

07/03/2006

 **Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Kristy W.
House

01/04/2005

 **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) This was an ESPP purchase.

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