

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 \*  
 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/12/2005

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

133 WALNUT STREET

(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

DUNMORE, PA 18512

(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)		
Common Stock					12,294	D			
Common Stock					59,205.327 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Valley Dodge Truck Center		
Common Stock	04/12/2005		J	93,677	D	<u>(2)</u>	62,281	I	By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 7/31/03
	04/12/2005		J	7,290	D	<u>(3)</u>	16,752	I	

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Common Stock									By Peter A. Sabia T/U/A dated 5/7/04
Common Stock					6,120		I		Trustee, Sabia Family Foundation
Common Stock	04/12/2005		J	100,967	A	<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	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 (Instr. 6)
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## 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 04/14/2005

\_\_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 458,275 shares acquired on April 11, 2005 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) The reporting person transferred 93,677 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust dated 7/31/03 to the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust dated 4/7/05.
- (3) The reporting person transferred 7,290 shares from the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust dated 5/7/04 to the Peter A. Sabia T/U/A Trust dated 4/7/05.

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