

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

October 25, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 25, 2012

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

0-20288

91-1422237

(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission

(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

1301 A Street

Tacoma, WA

98402

(Address of principal executive

offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Items to be Included in this Report

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Item 8.01 Other Events

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" and Item 8.01 "Other Events".

On October 25, 2012, Columbia Banking System, Inc. issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 per share. The dividend will be paid on November 21, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 7, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

- 99.1 Press Release dated October 25, 2012 reporting the financial results of Columbia Banking System, Inc. for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and quarterly cash dividend.
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: October 25, 2012

/s/ MELANIE J. DRESSEL

Melanie J. Dressel

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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