COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Fesette Neil E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [CBU]

09/21/2015

(Month/Day/Year)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790

WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amour
Derivative Security	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration D	Date	Underlying S	Securit
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)				
	Security			(Instr. 3, 4, and					
					5)				
				Code V	(Α) (Γ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(1)	09/21/2015		A	221.1003	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	221

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fesette Neil E. C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214



Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Neil E. Fesette

09/22/2015

**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).
- Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 63.9954 units acquired on July 10, 2015 pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature and 211.2723 units previously reported on June 23, 2015 as Phantom Stock (Deferred Stock Units).

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