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CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP Form 4 November 04, 2005 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WU PETER Issuer Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [CATY] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) _X_ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 777 NORTH BROADWAY 11/02/2005 Executive Vice Chairman/COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 27,632 D Stock Common 11/02/2005 G I Wu Trust 3,000 D \$0 779,654 Stock Spouse as Common 32,452 I cust. for Stock children

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.3893					07/20/2000(1)	01/19/2006	Common Stock	6,500
Stock Option	\$ 22.0075					01/01/2002(2)	01/17/2011	Common Stock	426,674
Stock Option	\$ 28.695					02/19/2005(3)	02/19/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006(4)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	72,170

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WU PETER 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	Х		Executive Vice Chairman/COO				

Signatures

**Signature of

Reporting Person

Peter Wu 11/04/2005

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is fully exercisable.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/01/02.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/19/05.

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(4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.

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