

OEI PERRY

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 OEI PERRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
 [CATY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 777 NORTH BROADWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/25/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 General Counsel

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  |   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  | 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)*

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       |     |                           |                    |                 |  |                                     |  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
|                 |                                    |                  | Code       | V   | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |  |
| Stock<br>Option | \$ 24.8                            |                  |            |   |       |     | 11/20/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/20/2013         | Common<br>Stock |  | 20,080                              |  |
| Stock<br>Option | \$ 37                              |                  |            |   |       |     | 02/17/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/17/2015         | Common<br>Stock |  | 6,000                               |  |
| Stock<br>Option | \$ 36.24                           | 01/25/2006       | A          |   | 5,500 |     | 01/25/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/25/2016         | Common<br>Stock |  | 5,500                               |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| OEI PERRY<br>777 NORTH BROADWAY<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 |               |           | General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

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\*\*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) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.

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

(3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.

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