#### COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

March 21, 2014

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* STEELE SALLY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [CBU]

(Last)

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

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

03/19/2014

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 8)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Issuer

below)

TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657

**773 STATE ROUTE 1001** 

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion (Instr. 3) or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option	\$ 37.77	03/19/2014		A	3,631		03/19/2014	03/19/2024	Common Stock
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2014		A	255.102		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan)	(2)						(2)	(2)	Common Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>FS</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STEELE SALLY A 773 STATE ROUTE 1001 TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657	X						

## **Signatures**

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Sally A.

Steele

03/21/2014

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### **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

  (1) 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.
- Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Phantom Stock (Stock (2) Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank
- (2) Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.
- (3) Includes 80.19 units of phantom stock acquired in 2013 under the Stock Balance Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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