

Parente John  
Form 4  
July 26, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Parente John

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM  
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

478 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD

(Street)

TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/22/2010

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 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)**

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
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|                                             | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) |          |     |                     |                    |                 |  |                               |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
|                                             |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                             | (A)      | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |  | Amount<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Phantom Stock<br>(Deferred<br>Compensation) | <u>(1)</u>                         | 07/22/2010       | A          |                                                               | 190.1141 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock |  | 190                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Parente John<br>478 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD<br>TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by John Parente

07/26/2010

\*\*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

- (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.

- (2) Includes 7.1194 units of phantom stock acquired on July 9, 2010 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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