

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form DFAN14A  
April 05, 2007

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**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities**

**Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report March 28, 2007**

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**MOUNTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANY**

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**0-28394**  
Commission File Number

**91-1602736**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**501 Roosevelt Avenue, PO Box 98, Enumclaw, WA 98022**

Identification Number)

(address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number: (360) 825-0100**

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**Item 8.01 Other Matters**

As reported on our Form 8-K filed March 29, 2007, Mountain Bank Holding Company ( MBHC ) entered into a Plan and Agreement of Merger (the Merger Agreement ) with Columbia Banking System, Inc. ( Columbia ). Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, MBHC will merge with and into Columbia, and MBHC s bank subsidiary, Mt. Rainier National Bank will merge with and into Columbia s subsidiary, Columbia State Bank. A copy of the Merger Agreement is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial statements not applicable
  
- (b) Pro forma financial information not applicable
  
- (d) Exhibits

2.1 Plan and Agreement of Merger dated March 28, 2007

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 4, 2007

Mountain Bank Holding Company

/s/ Roy T. Brooks  
Roy T. Brooks  
President and CEO