

DRESSEL MELANIE J  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DRESSEL MELANIE J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
  
  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/04/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2004                           |  | P                              | 139 A \$ 19.73  | 3,700 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2004                           |  | I                              | V 15 A \$ 24.7  | 5,277   | I  | 401(k)  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 46,932  | I  | Family Trust LLC                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,408   | I  | North Mason Fiber                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 10  | I  | Shares owned by                                       |

|                 |    |   |                                    |
|-----------------|----|---|------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 10 | I | son.<br>Shares<br>owned by<br>son. |
|-----------------|----|---|------------------------------------|

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr |                                     |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| NQSO<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                           | \$ 7.2   |   |   |                                      |  | 04/23/2000   | 04/23/2005  | Common<br>Stock                    | 3,310                               |
| ISO<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                            | \$ 11.77   |   |   |                                      |  | 01/20/2002   | 01/20/2007  | Common<br>Stock                    | 8,488                               |
| NQSO<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                           | \$ 11.77   |   |   |                                      |  | 01/20/2002   | 01/20/2007  | Common<br>Stock                    | 5,519                               |
| NQSO<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                           | \$ 10.82   |   |   |                                      |  | 12/03/2003   | 12/05/2008  | Common<br>Stock                    | 12,128                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| DRESSEL MELANIE J              | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

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## Signatures

/s/ Kristy W.

01/04/2005

House

\_\_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) This was an ESPP purchase.

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