DERITO JOHN A

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DERITO JOHN A**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CITY HOLDING CO [CHCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/21/2005

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below) EVP, COMMERCIAL BANKING

6 FOXCHASE ROAD

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

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

CHARLESTON, WV 25304

(City) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

(Instr. 3)

12/21/2005

A 200 Α \$0 200

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 32.41					08/08/1988(1)	06/27/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 30.65					08/08/1988(2)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 36.9	12/21/2005		A	5,000	12/21/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DERITO JOHN A 6 FOXCHASE ROAD CHARLESTON, WV 25304

EVP, COMMERCIAL BANKING

Signatures

Victoria A. Evans,

attorney-in-fact 12/23/2005

**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) Option awards are subject to value vesting and vest only when the stock achieves certain target threshholds.
- Options will vest and become exercisable in five separate installments as follows: 1,000 on 2/23/2006; 1,000 on 2/23/2007; 1,000 on 2/23/2008; 1,000 on 2/23/2009; and 1,000 on 2/23/2010.

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