

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1301 A STREET, MS-3100, STE. 800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/21/2005

TACOMA 98402-4200

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	04/20/2005		M	3,310 A \$ 7.2	17,499	D	
Common Stock					5,495	I	401(k)
Common Stock					47,194	I	Family Trust LLC
Common Stock					2,408	I	North Mason Fiber
					10	I	

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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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.2	04/20/2005		M	3,310	04/23/2000 04/23/2005		Common Stock	3,310
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77					01/20/2002 01/20/2007		Common Stock	8,488
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77					01/20/2002 01/20/2007		Common Stock	5,519
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.82					12/03/2003 12/05/2008		Common Stock	12,128

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DRESSEL MELANIE J 1301 A STREET, MS-3100, STE. 800	X		President and CEO	

TACOMA 98402-4200

Signatures

/s/ Kristy W.

04/21/2005

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__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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