DICERBO NICHOLAS A
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DICERBO NICHOLAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2835 WEST RIVER ROAD

(Street)

OLEAN, NY 14760

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

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

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								116,511.3274 (1)	D	
Common Stock								110,823.9246 (2)	I	By Law Firm (Partner)
Common Stock								807.871 (3)	I	By Spouse

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 Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N S
Stock Option	$ 27.36	01/19/2011		A		3,850		01/19/2011	01/19/2021	Common Stock	
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(4)	01/19/2011		A		127.924		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	
Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan)	$ 0 (6)	12/31/2010		J	V	538.19		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DICERBO NICHOLAS A 2835 WEST RIVER ROAD OLEAN, NY 14760	X			

Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for Nicholas A. DiCerbo — 01/21/2011

**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) Includes 826.695 shares acquired on January 10, 2011 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Includes 829.232 shares acquired on January 10, 2011 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(3) Includes 6.947 shares acquired on January 10, 2011 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(4) Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at a future date selected by the reporting person.

(5) Includes 424.088 phantom stock units acquired on January 10, 2011 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

(6) These units were acquired during the 2010 calendar year pursuant to the Stock Balance Plan's dividend reinvestment feature. Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The phantom stock units relating to the Stock Balance Plan may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

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