

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
08/04/09

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-20288
(Commission File Number)

91-1422237
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1301 A Street
Tacoma, WA
(Address of principal executive offices)

98402
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2009, Columbia Banking System, Inc. (the “Company”), changed its segment reporting to include an allocation of the provision for loan and lease losses, previously reported as part of the Other segment, to the Commercial and Retail Banking segments, as described more fully in Note 5 to the unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements included in the Company’s Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2009. This segment reporting change did not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

This segment reporting change did impact the segment disclosures required to be reported in the Company’s consolidated financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. The principal effect on the prior segment disclosures was to allocate the provision for loan and lease losses, which were previously reported as part of the Other segment, to the Commercial and Retail Banking segments, based upon factors including average loan balances and credit quality metrics.

As a result of this segment reporting change, the Company will reflect the change in presentation and disclosure for all periods presented in future filings.

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The segment reporting reflecting the change for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 is summarized as follows:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2008 | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Commercial Banking | Retail Banking | Other | Total |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 47,461 | \$ 55,411 | \$ 16,641 | \$ 119,513 |
| Provision for loan and lease losses | (27,824) | (13,352) | - | (41,176) |
| Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses | 19,637 | 42,059 | 16,641 | 78,337 |
| Noninterest income | 3,624 | 9,089 | 2,137 | 14,850 |
| Noninterest expense | (11,055) | (28,205) | (52,865) | (92,125) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 12,206 | 22,943 | (34,087) | 1,062 |
| Income tax benefit | | | | 4,906 |
| Net income | | | | \$ 5,968 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,443,029 | \$ 1,000,209 | \$ 653,841 | \$ 3,097,079 |

| | Year Ended December 31, 2007 | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Commercial Banking | Retail Banking | Other | Total |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 30,062 | \$ 82,306 | \$ (3,548) | \$ 108,820 |
| Provision for loan and lease losses | (2,441) | (1,164) | - | (3,605) |
| Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses | 27,621 | 81,142 | (3,548) | 105,215 |
| Noninterest income | 3,192 | 8,571 | 15,985 | 27,748 |
| Noninterest expense | (11,054) | (28,221) | (49,554) | (88,829) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 19,759 | 61,492 | (37,117) | 44,134 |
| Income tax provision | | | | (11,753) |
| Net income | | | | \$ 32,381 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,474,678 | \$ 1,068,282 | \$ 635,753 | \$ 3,178,713 |

| | Year Ended December 31, 2006 | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Commercial Banking | Retail Banking | Other | Total |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 22,870 | \$ 79,366 | \$ (4,473) | \$ 97,763 |
| Provision for loan and lease losses | (1,424) | (641) | - | (2,065) |
| Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses | 21,446 | 78,725 | (4,473) | 95,698 |
| Noninterest income | 2,076 | 7,700 | 14,896 | 24,672 |
| Noninterest expense | (9,073) | (24,036) | (43,025) | (76,134) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 14,449 | 62,389 | (32,602) | 44,236 |
| Income tax provision | | | | (12,133) |
| Net income | | | | \$ 32,103 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,204,269 | \$ 682,029 | \$ 666,833 | \$ 2,553,131 |

Although the change in segment reporting is not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the periods presented above, the Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K for the purpose of updating segment reporting disclosure for the periods presented in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (the "2008 Form 10-K") to be consistent with the Company's current segment reporting and for incorporation by reference into the Company's existing and future registration statements filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including but not limited to the registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 17, 2008.

The information in this report should be read in conjunction with the 2008 Form 10-K. For developments since December 31, 2008, please refer to the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009 as well as other Current Reports on Form 8-K the Company has filed since December 31, 2008.

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.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM,
INC.

Date: August 4, 2009

/s/ Gary R. Schminkey
Gary R. Schminkey
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

