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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Fesette Neil E.

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

INC. [CBU]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

C/O COMMUNITY BANK

03/20/2018

SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

110.675 (1) D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Day.	ate	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
Phantom Stock (Deferred Stock Units)	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2018		A	611	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	611
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	9,417.55

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Fesette Neil E. C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214	X					

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Neil E. Fesette

03/22/2018

**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 2.616 shares acquired pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- The reporting person has received deferred stock units under the Community Bank System, Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each phantom stock unit which represents a deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock and will be settled in common stock at a predetermined date.
 - Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of
- (3) phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.
- (4) Includes 208.5679 units of phantom stock acquired under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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