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

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Pecor Raymond C III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

INC. [CBU]

(Check all applicable)

C/O COMMUNITY BANK

SYSTEM, INC., 5790

WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2018

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

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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)

Code (Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

5,837.104 (1) D

Common Stock

By Trust I (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	Date Exercisable and piration Date Underlying (Instr. 3 and		Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (Deferred Stock Units)	(3)	03/20/2018		A	611	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	611
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	8,005.762

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Pecor Raymond C III C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214



Signatures

Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Raymond C. Pecor, III

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 31.239, 34.988, and 35.877 shares acquired on July 10, 2017, October 10, 2017, and January 10, 2018, respectively, pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- 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.
- (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 future dates

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selected by the reporting person.

(5) These units of phantom stock were originally included in Table I of the Form 3 filed with the SEC on May 19, 2017 and have been moved to Table II for future reporting.

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