

PARENTE CHARLES E
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PARENTE CHARLES E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2010

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

356 SEDGWICK COURT

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NAPLES, FL 34108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | M | V | \$ 12,285 | A | 26,357 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | F | | \$ 10,193 | D | 16,164 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | M | | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | A | 18,852.01 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | D | | \$ 2,688.01 | D | 16,164 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 348,000 | I |

By Benevento & Mayo

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 21,000 | I | Partners By C.E. Parente Trust u/a Dated September 12, 1979 |
| Common Stock | 3,000 | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.04 | 12/31/2010 | | M | 12,285 | 12/21/2005 12/31/2011 | Common Stock 12,285 |
| Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2010 | | M | 2,688.01 | ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock 2,688. ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PARENTE CHARLES E 356 SEDGWICK COURT NAPLES, FL 34108 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for Charles E. Parente

01/04/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Phantom Stock (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. The reporting person retired from the Board of Directors effective December 31, 2010 and he settled his phantom stock units for cash.

(2) Includes 86.2 units of phantom stock acquired pursuant to the Stock Balance Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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