

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC
Form 8-K
April 28, 2010

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):

April 28, 2010

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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0-20288
(Commission File Number)

91-1422237
IRS Employer Identification No.

1301 A Street

Tacoma, WA 98402

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

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

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition and filed pursuant to Item 8.01 Other Events .

On April 28, 2010, we issued a press release announcing our first quarter 2010 financial results and quarterly cash dividend of \$0.01 per common share. The dividend will be paid on May 26, 2010 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 12, 2010. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated April 28, 2010.

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.

Dated: April 28, 2010

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: */s/* MELANIE J. DRESSEL
Melanie J. Dressel
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated April 28, 2010.

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