

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

July 11, 2008

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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):  
07/10/08

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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. 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))
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Items to be Included in this Report

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 10, 2008, management of Columbia Banking System, Inc. ("Company") held a conference call to discuss a Company press release issued on July 9, 2008, in which the Company announced an increase to its loan loss provision for the quarter ended June 30, 2008. A copy of the conference call transcript is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements. – not applicable
  - (b) Pro forma financial information. – not applicable
  - (c) Shell company transactions. – not applicable
  - (d) The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:
    - 99.1 Transcript of management's conference call held on July 10, 2008.
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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.

Date: July 11, 2008

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

/s/ Melanie J. Dressel

Melanie J. Dressel

President and Chief Executive Officer