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FORM 4

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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

ACE BRIAN R

Symbol COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [CBU]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Instr. 8)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

03/20/2019

C/O COMMUNITY BANK

SYSTEM, INC., 5790

WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

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

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DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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 Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

5. Amount of

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

57,439 (1) D

140 (2)

Common Stock

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	r 6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative Security	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise		any	Code	` ,		Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities				
	Derivative				Acquired				
	Security				(A) or				
					Disposed of (D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
					,	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Shares
Phantom Stock								_	
(Deferred Stock	<u>(3)</u>	03/20/2019		A	576	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	576
Units)								Stock	
Phantom Stock									
(Deferred	<u>(5)</u>					(5)	(5)	Common	15,176.3
Compensation)	<u>.97</u>					<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Stock	15,170.50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ACE BRIAN R C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214



Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Brian R.
Ace

03/20/2019

**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 1,151.5406 shares acquired pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Includes three 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.
- (3) 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) Includes 149.6277 units of phantom stock acquired as dividend equivalents under the 2014 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Program.
 - Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of
- (5) 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.

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(6) Includes 242.979 units of phantom stock acquired under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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