

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

March 10, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GABRIEL JAMES A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O COMMUNITY BANK  
SYSTEM, INC., 5790  
WIDEWATERS PARKWAY**

(Street)

**DEWITT, NY 13214**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/08/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 3,817                                                               | A \$ 22.94                                                                                                         | 81,396.696                                                           | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/08/2016                              |                                                             | S                                    | 3,817                                                               | D \$ 38.677                                                                                                        | 77,579.696                                                           | D                                                                 |

(1)

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8.<br>Date of<br>Sale<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 22.94                                                              | 03/08/2016                              |                                                             | M                                       | 3,817                                                                                                           | 01/17/2007                                                     | 01/17/2017         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 3,817                                     |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address****Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GABRIEL JAMES A  
C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.  
5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY  
DEWITT, NY 13214

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## Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by James A.  
Gabriel

03/10/2016

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.56 to \$38.73, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Community Bank System, Inc., any security holder of Community Bank System, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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