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See InstructionFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or SectionReported30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940TransactionsReported										
1. Name and A Roberts Ker	Symbol COLUI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M	(Month/I	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
12/31/2012 1301 "A" STREET, MS 3100, STE 800 Executive Vice President										
(Street) 4. If Amendmer Filed(Month/Day										
(cneck applicable line)								,		
TACOMA, WA 98402 _X_Form Filed by One Reporting PersonForm Filed by More than One Reporting Person Person										
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Deri	ivative Sec	urities .	Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially (Owned at end	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	(A) or int (D) Price		Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	26,746	D	Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,377	Ι	401k (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 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)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Sc B O E I S Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Roberts Kent 1301 "A" STREET, MS 3100, STE 800 TACOMA, WA 98402	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Cathleen L Dent	01/22/2013			
<u>**</u> 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) Reflects change in 401(k) year end balance

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