COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

	MELANIE J	.g 1 013011 <u>-</u>	Symbol	ИВІА ВА	ANKINC			Issuer (Chec	ck all applicable	e)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2007					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Ame Filed(Mon		ate Origin	al		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person		rson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or I (Instr. 3	Oispose , 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/18/2007			M	5,519	A	\$ 11.77	28,718	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2007			P	8,488	A	\$ 11.77	23,199	D	
Common Stock								6,022	I	401k
Common Stock								46,932	I	Family Trust LLC
Common Stock								2,408	I	North Mason Fiber

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 II S
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77	01/18/2007		P	8,488	01/20/2002	01/20/2007	Common Stock	8,488	
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77	01/18/2007		M	5,519	01/20/2002	01/20/2007	Common Stock	5,519	
NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.82					12/03/2003	12/05/2008	Common Stock	12,128	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DRESSEL MELANIE J							
	X		President and CEO				

2 Reporting Owners

Signatures

/s/Cathleen Dent

01/19/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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