

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
February 07, 2011

**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):

2/4/11

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(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)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. 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))

**Items to be Included in this Report**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 4, 2011, Columbia Banking System, Inc. issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is being furnished under Item 2.02 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition) of Form 8-K.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On February 4, 2011, Columbia Banking System, Inc. issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share. The dividend will be paid on March 3, 2011, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 17, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

- 99.1 Press Release dated February 4, 2011 reporting the financial results of Columbia Banking System, Inc. for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010.
- 99.2 Press Release dated February 4, 2011 announcing a quarterly cash dividend.

**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.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: February 4, 2011

/s/ Melanie J. Dressel  
Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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