

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K/A

August 31, 2009

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

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FORM 8-K/A  
(Amendment No. 1)

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
06/12/09

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COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20288  
(Commission File Number)

91-1422237  
(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))
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Items to be Included in this Report

Explanatory Note

Columbia Banking System, Inc. is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 15, 2009 (the "Original Form 8-K") to remove the adjusted pretax earnings table and related discussion of this non-GAAP financial measure from the press release attached to the Original Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. This Amendment No.1 does not otherwise modify or update any of the information contained in the Original Form 8-K.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On June 12, 2009, we issued a press release announcing an increased loan loss provision and expected financial results for our second quarter ended June 30, 2009. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated June 12, 2009 announcing increased loan loss provision and expected financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

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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.

Date: August 31, 2009

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

/s/ Gary R. Schminkey  
Gary R. Schminkey  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer