

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

October 20, 2017

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):

October 19, 2017

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

0-20288

91-1422237

(IRS

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

Employer  
Identification  
No.)

1301 A Street

Tacoma, WA

98402

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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:

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Items to be Included in this Report

Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 19, 2017, Columbia Banking System, Inc. ("the Company") issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.22 per share. The dividend will be paid on November 14, 2017 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated October 19, 2017 announcing quarterly cash dividend

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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.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: October 20, 2017 /s/ BARRY S. RAY  
Barry S. Ray  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated October 19, 2017 announcing quarterly cash dividend