

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

May 20, 2014

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):

May 16, 2014

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

0-20288

91-1422237

(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission

(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 8.01 Other Events.

On May 16, 2014, it was announced that Columbia Banking System, Inc. ("Columbia") accepted an offer from Sound Financial Bancorp for the sale of three of Columbia's retail branches located on the Olympic Peninsula in Sequim, Port Ludlow and Port Angeles, Washington.

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: May 19, 2014

/s/ MELANIE J. DRESSEL

Melanie J. Dressel

President and Chief Executive Officer