#### **CHAN ELENA**

Form 4

January 21, 2003

### FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
			(Check all applicable)
			o Director
Name and Address of Reporting  Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker		<b>o</b> 10% Owner
Chan Elena	or Trading Symbol		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Cathay Bancorp, Inc.	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	ý Officer (give title below)
	CATY		
		1/16/2003	o Other (specify below)
777 North Broadway			SVP/CFO
(Street)			
Los Angeles CA 90012  (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>ý Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>o Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned Following Reported	(I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							490.11 *	D	

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include the undersiged's interest in shares of Cathay Bancorp, Inc. resulting from his participation in the Cathay Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust, as of 12/31/01, the undersigned had a vested interest in 22,808 shares.

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	2.			4. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Numl of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	ive es ed	6. Date Exerc Expiration Day/ (Month/Day/	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form of Derivative	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Be Ov (In
Option *	\$16.50							(1)	9/17/08	C	2,264	2,264	D	
Option *	\$21.25							(2)	1/20/10	C	4,836	4,836	D	
Option *	\$30.095							(3)	1/18/11	C	7,060	7,060	D	
Option *	\$32.55							(4)	2/21/12	C	7,000	7,000	D	
Option	\$39.85	1/16/03		A		11,530		(5)	1/16/13	C	11,530	11,530	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Previously reported.
- (1) The option vests in 2 equal annual installments beginning 9/17/02.
- (2) 612 shares exercisable, balance of the option vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning 1/20/03.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.

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/s/ Elena Chan	1/21/03
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned d	irectly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> Instruction 4(b)(v).	
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violat See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).	ions.
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