CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WU PETER			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 777 NORTH E	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2017	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Dis Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)		(A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/17/2017		Code V $M_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 19,817	(D)	Price \$ 0	32,793	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2017		F(2)	7,593	D	\$ 39.42	25,200	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2017		M(1)	27,104	A	\$ 0	52,304	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2017		F(2)	13,333	D	\$ 39.42	38,971	D	
Common Stock							772,799	I	By PACJU

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Common			Wu
Common	30,194	ī	Family
Stock	30,174	1	•
Stock			Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		88 II SS ((
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2017		M		17,681 (3)	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	17,681	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2017		M		17,142 (4)	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	17,142	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WU PETER							
777 NORTH BROADWAY	X		Vice Chairman				
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012							

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact 02/22/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units (1) granted on December 18, 2013. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 20, 2013.

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- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) Of the previously reported target award of 17,681 shares of restricted stock unit, 106% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) Of the previously reported target award of 17,142 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (5) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2016.

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