

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HARTON H LYNN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/12/2013

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,375 | D |
| Common Stock (RSUs) | 08/12/2013 | | A | | \$ 0 | 114,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock (PSUs) | 08/12/2013 | | A | | \$ 0 | 166,000 ⁽²⁾ | D |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARTON H LYNN C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

Lois J. Rich as Attorney in Fact 08/14/2013

__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).
- (1) Represents a multi-year grant that was issued in connection with performance based Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") whereby the participant will not be eligible to receive additional multi-year grants until 2016. The RSUs will vest at 12% on September 13, 2014, and 22% on January 25 of years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.
- (2) Represents a grant of multi-year performance based Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") whereby it is planned that the participant will not be eligible to receive additional multi-year grants of performance based RSUs until 2016. RSUs will vest at 12% on September 13, 2014, and 22% on January 25 of years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 based upon meeting certain performance criteria for each period. The performance threshold and target levels are based meeting or exceeding certain earnings per share and return on assets levels and if the target level is not met the vesting level payable for that period is zero %.

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