COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC Form 3 May 20, 2008 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> JENNINGS WILLIAM NORRIS			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
4000 MERI	DIAN						、 · /	
BOULEVA	RD			(Check	all applicable))		
	(Street)			X Director 10		Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group	
		2067		OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
FRANKLIN, TN 37067							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	eneficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)				ture of Indirect Beneficial ership : 5)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JENNINGS WILLIAM NORRIS 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact Jennings, MD	05/20/2008						
<u>**</u> Signature of Report	Date						
Explanation of Responses:							

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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