

WU PETER  
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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 \*  
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) (First) (Middle)  
777 NORTH BROADWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice Chairman/COO

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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			
Common Stock	11/30/2004		G	V 3,000 D \$ 0	782,654 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Wu Trust
Common Stock					32,452 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	I	As cust. for children

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.3885					07/20/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/19/2006	Common Stock	34,134
Stock Option	\$ 22.0075					01/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/17/2011	Common Stock	426,674
Stock Option	\$ 28.695					02/19/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/19/2014	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Peter Wu 12/02/2004

\*\*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) Shares increased via a 2-for-1 split on 9/28/04.
- (2) The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 17,670 shares transferred to his daughter who reached the age of majority.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal installments, the 1st installment is exercisable on 7/20/00, the rest annually beginning 1/20/01.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/01/02.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/19/05.

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