

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.  
Form 8-K  
September 30, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2015

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its charter)

| Delaware<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation)                                     | 001-13695<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 16-1213679<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 5790 Widewaters<br>Parkway, DeWitt, New<br>York 13214<br>(Address of principal<br>executive offices) |  | 13214<br>(Zip Code)                                |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (315) 445-2282

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 25, 2015, Community Bank System, Inc. (“Community Bank System”) and Oneida Financial Corp. (“Oneida Financial”) issued a joint press release relating to an update in the anticipated closing date of the proposed merger and the extension of the election process regarding the merger consideration that is currently underway. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 giving Oneida Financial’s and Community Bank System’s expectations or predictions of future financial or business performance or conditions. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “target,” “estimate,” “continue,” “positions,” “prospects” or “potential,” by conditional verbs such as “will,” “would,” “should,” “could” or “may,” or by variations of such words or by similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and we assume no duty to update forward- looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from current projections.

In addition to risk factors previously disclosed in Oneida Financial’s and Community Bank System’s reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and those identified elsewhere in this Current Report on Form 8-K, the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements or historical performance: the ability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, regulatory approvals and to meet other closing conditions to the merger; delay in closing the merger; business disruption following the merger; the inability to realize cost savings or revenues or to implement integration plans and other consequences associated with the proposed merger; changes in asset quality and credit risk; changes in interest rates and capital markets; and changes in legislation or regulatory requirements.

Additional Information for Stockholders

In connection with the merger, Community Bank System filed with the SEC on March 30, 2015 a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a Proxy Statement of Oneida Financial and a Prospectus of Community Bank System (together with the Proxy Statement, as amended, the “Proxy Statement/Prospectus”), as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. The S-4 has been declared effective and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus was first mailed to stockholders of Oneida Financial on or about May 12, 2015. Each of Community Bank System and Oneida Financial may file other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction.

A free copy of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Community Bank System and Oneida Financial, may be obtained at the SEC’s Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). You can also obtain these documents, free of charge, from Oneida Financial Corp. at <http://www.oneidafinancial.com/> under the heading “Investor Relations” and then “Documents” or from Community Bank System, Inc. by accessing its website at [www.communitybankna.com](http://www.communitybankna.com) under the heading of “Investor Relations” and then “SEC Filings & Annual Report.” Copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to Oneida Financial Corp., 182 Main Street, Oneida, New York 13421, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (315) 363-2000 or to Community Bank System, Inc., 5790 Widewaters Parkway, DeWitt, New York 13214, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (315) 445-2282.



Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.  
(b) Not applicable.  
(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated September 25, 2015

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Community Bank System, Inc.

By: /s/ George J. Getman  
Name: George J. Getman  
Title: EVP and General Counsel

Dated: September 30, 2015

