

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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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 *
 EDWARDS ROBERT A.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/27/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

(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		
Common Stock	12/04/2016		G	V	400 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 0 8,881 D
Common Stock	01/27/2017		F		496 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 29 9,635 ⁽⁴⁾ D
Common Stock	01/27/2017		F		5,321 ⁽³⁾	D	\$ 28.61 19,523 ⁽⁵⁾ D
Common Stock (PSUs)							2,500 ⁽⁴⁾ D
							24,583 ⁽⁵⁾ D

Common Stock (RSUs)

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)

Table with columns: 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 (Instr. 5), 10. Report of Transaction (Instr. 5). Sub-headers: Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry: EDWARDS ROBERT A., C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398, BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514. Relationship: EVP, CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER.

Signatures

Lois J. Rich as Attorney in Fact, 01/30/2017

**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).
(1) Represents shares of United Community Banks, Inc. common stock gifted by the reporting person for no consideration.
(2) Represents shares of United Community Banks, Inc. common stock withheld to satisfy tax obligations upon vesting of performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PSUs").

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- (3) Represents shares of United Community Banks, Inc. common stock withheld to satisfy tax obligations upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs").
- (4) Reflects reclassification of PSUs into United Community Banks, Inc. common stock upon vesting.
- (5) Reflects reclassification of RSUs into United Community Banks, Inc. common stock upon vesting.

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