

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
FREEMAN GUY W

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)
PO BOX 1256
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514
 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/26/2006		A	(A) or (D) 3,000 (1)	\$ 0 115,559	D	
Common Stock					2,105.7188 (2)	I	Elizabeth C. Freeman (Spouse)
Common Stock					3,894.102	I	By 401K

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.85	04/26/2006		A	20,000	04/26/2007 ⁽³⁾ 04/26/2016	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FREEMAN GUY W PO BOX 1256 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney
04/28/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 2006 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on the anniversary date of May 31, beginning in the Year 2007.

(2) Includes 2,105.7188 shares owned by Mr. Freeman's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

(3) 2006 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% each anniversary date.

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