

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 *
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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)
 C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/02/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & CFO

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK (PSUs)	12/02/2016		A	7,276 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	28,682	D
COMMON STOCK (RSUs)	12/02/2016		A	3,119 ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	12,293	D
COMMON STOCK						33,721	D
COMMON STOCK						65,547.7 ⁽³⁾	D

Explanation of Responses:

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Represents a grant of multi-year performance based Restricted Stock Units ("PSUs"). PSUs will vest at 25% on February 15, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 based upon meeting certain operating performance criteria for each year. The annual operating performance for Threshold,

- (1) Target and Maximum levels range are 50%, 100% and 150%, respectively, and are based upon meeting or exceeding certain annual operating return on assets and operating return on tangible common equity levels, which are weighted 50/50. If an individual Threshold level is not met, then that portion of the vesting level payable is zero.
- (2) Represents a grant of multi-year time based Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that were granted in connection with the grant of PSUs. RSUs will vest at 25% on February 15, 2018, and November 15, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- (3) Reflects reclassification of PSUs into Phantom Stock pursuant to the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

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