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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>WATSON H MITCHELL JR</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>155 FRANKLIN ROAD</u> <u>SUITE 400</u>  (Street) <u>BRENTWOOD TN 37027</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [</u> <u>CYH ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>01/03/2006</u>	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	
		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A		3,000	A	\$0.00	6,000	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Units (SU)	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2006		A		410.798		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	410.798	\$38.34	1,753.641	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$25.13							05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$27.71							01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.
- The SU were accrued under the Company's Directors Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director

**Remarks:**

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in  
Fact for H. Mitchell Watson, Jr. 01/03/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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