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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015.

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington	91-1422237
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1301 A Street	98402-2156
Tacoma, Washington	(Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive offices)	

(253) 305-1900

(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The number of shares of common stock outstanding at October 31, 2015 was 57,730,550.



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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
(in thousands)		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 149,610	\$ 171,221
Interest-earning deposits with banks	22,578	16,949
Total cash and cash equivalents	172,188	188,170
Securities available for sale at fair value (amortized cost of \$2,004,728 and \$2,087,069, respectively)	2,027,424	2,098,257
Federal Home Loan Bank stock at cost	10,242	33,365
Loans held for sale	6,637	1,116
Loans, net of unearned income of (\$45,436) and (\$59,374), respectively	5,746,511	5,445,378
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses	69,049	69,569
Loans, net	5,677,462	5,375,809
FDIC loss-sharing asset	8,146	15,174
Interest receivable	30,486	27,802
Premises and equipment, net	168,495	172,090
Other real estate owned	19,456	22,190
Goodwill	382,762	382,537
Other intangible assets, net	25,229	30,459
Other assets	227,457	231,877
Total assets	\$8,755,984	\$8,578,846
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$3,386,968	\$2,651,373
Interest-bearing	3,927,837	4,273,349
Total deposits	7,314,805	6,924,722
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	6,540	216,568
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	73,182	105,080
Other borrowings	—	8,248
Other liabilities	107,321	96,053
Total liabilities	7,501,848	7,350,671
Commitments and contingent liabilities		
Shareholders' equity:		
	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
(in thousands)		
Preferred stock (no par value)		
Authorized shares	2,000	2,000
Issued and outstanding	9	9
Common stock (no par value)		
Authorized shares	115,000	63,033
Issued and outstanding	57,729	57,437
Retained earnings		
	250,005	234,498
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
	12,826	5,621

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Total shareholders' equity	1,254,136	1,228,175
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$8,755,984	\$8,578,846
See accompanying Notes to unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.		

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands except per share amounts)			
Interest Income				
Loans	\$72,242	\$65,903	\$214,808	\$198,448
Taxable securities	7,472	8,545	22,258	21,679
Tax-exempt securities	2,920	2,624	8,972	7,913
Deposits in banks	31	61	84	105
Total interest income	82,665	77,133	246,122	228,145
Interest Expense				
Deposits	756	713	2,244	2,194
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	78	80	391	309
Other borrowings	137	120	419	358
Total interest expense	971	913	3,054	2,861
Net Interest Income	81,694	76,220	243,068	225,284
Provision for loan and lease losses	2,831	980	6,242	5,019
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	78,863	75,240	236,826	220,265
Noninterest Income				
Service charges and other fees	15,893	14,254	46,636	40,980
Merchant services fees	2,422	2,104	6,802	6,014
Investment securities gains, net	236	33	1,300	552
Bank owned life insurance	1,086	956	3,370	2,897
Change in FDIC loss-sharing asset	(1,635)	(4,816)	(2,979)	(14,685)
Other	4,497	3,399	11,599	8,807
Total noninterest income	22,499	15,930	66,728	44,565
Noninterest Expense				
Compensation and employee benefits	35,175	32,559	112,721	94,961
Occupancy	8,101	7,445	24,781	24,276
Merchant processing	1,090	1,080	3,146	3,058
Advertising and promotion	1,354	1,027	3,480	2,746
Data processing and communications	3,796	4,269	13,022	11,469
Legal and professional fees	2,173	2,905	7,527	7,377
Taxes, licenses and fees	1,344	1,156	4,003	3,387
Regulatory premiums	1,084	1,195	3,626	3,444
Net cost (benefit) of operation of other real estate owned	240	(1,256)	(1,569)	(1,207)
Amortization of intangibles	1,695	1,456	5,230	4,516
Other	8,015	8,146	23,305	21,105
Total noninterest expense	64,067	59,982	199,272	175,132
Income before income taxes	37,295	31,188	104,282	89,698
Income tax provision	11,515	9,605	32,195	27,044
Net Income	\$25,780	\$21,583	\$72,087	\$62,654
Earnings per common share				
Basic	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$1.25	\$1.20

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Diluted	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$1.25	\$1.18
Dividends paid per common share	\$0.34	\$0.28	\$0.98	\$0.64
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	57,051	52,112	57,007	51,772
Weighted average number of diluted common shares outstanding	57,064	52,516	57,021	52,479

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Net income	\$25,780	\$21,583
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized gain (loss) from securities:		
Net unrealized holding gain (loss) from available for sale securities arising during the period, net of tax of (\$5,765) and \$2,310	10,126	(4,057 )
Reclassification adjustment of net gain from sale of available for sale securities included in income, net of tax of \$85 and \$12	(151 )	(21 )
Net unrealized gain (loss) from securities, net of reclassification adjustment	9,975	(4,078 )
Pension plan liability adjustment:		
Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss included in net periodic pension cost, net of tax of (\$35) and (\$13)	62	23
Pension plan liability adjustment, net	62	23
Other comprehensive income (loss)	10,037	(4,055 )
Total comprehensive income	\$35,817	\$17,528
	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Net income	\$72,087	\$62,654
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Unrealized gain from securities:		
Net unrealized holding gain from available for sale securities arising during the period, net of tax of (\$4,647) and (\$6,731)	8,161	11,830
Reclassification adjustment of net gain from sale of available for sale securities included in income, net of tax of \$471 and \$200	(829 )	(352 )
Net unrealized gain from securities, net of reclassification adjustment	7,332	11,478
Pension plan liability adjustment:		
Net unrealized loss from unfunded defined benefit plan liability arising during the period, net of tax of \$159 and \$0	(280 )	—
Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss included in net periodic pension cost, net of tax of (\$87) and (\$40)	153	71
Pension plan liability adjustment, net	(127 )	71
Other comprehensive income	7,205	11,549
Total comprehensive income	\$79,292	\$74,203

See accompanying Notes to unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.



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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

(Unaudited)

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Shares	Amount			
	(in thousands)						
Balance at January 1, 2015	9	\$2,217	57,437	\$985,839	\$234,498	\$ 5,621	\$1,228,175
Net income	—	—	—	—	72,087	—	72,087
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	7,205	7,205
Issuance of common stock - stock option and other plans	—	—	46	1,194	—	—	1,194
Issuance of common stock - restricted stock awards, net of canceled awards	—	—	277	2,934	—	—	2,934
Purchase and retirement of common stock	—	—	(31	) (879	) —	—	(879 )
Preferred dividends	—	—	—	—	(100	) —	(100 )
Cash dividends paid on common stock	—	—	—	—	(56,480	) —	(56,480 )
Balance at September 30, 2015	9	\$2,217	57,729	\$989,088	\$250,005	\$ 12,826	\$1,254,136
Balance at January 1, 2014	9	\$2,217	51,265	\$860,562	\$202,514	\$ (12,044	) \$1,053,249
Net income	—	—	—	—	62,654	—	62,654
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	11,549	11,549
Issuance of common stock - cashless exercise of warrants	—	—	1,140	—	—	—	—
Activity in deferred compensation plan	—	—	—	(1	) —	—	(1 )
Issuance of common stock - stock option and other plans	—	—	40	915	—	—	915
Issuance of common stock - restricted stock awards, net of canceled awards	—	—	228	2,041	—	—	2,041
Purchase and retirement of common stock	—	—	(24	) (605	) —	—	(605 )
Preferred dividends	—	—	—	—	(66	) —	(66 )
Cash dividends paid on common stock	—	—	—	—	(33,525	) —	(33,525 )
Balance at September 30, 2014	9	\$2,217	52,649	\$862,912	\$231,577	\$ (495	) \$1,096,211

See accompanying Notes to unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014 (1)
	(in thousands)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Net income	\$72,087	\$62,654
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Provision for loan and lease losses	6,242	5,019
Stock-based compensation expense	2,934	2,041
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	21,892	21,956
Investment securities gain, net	(1,300)	(552)
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of other assets	(241)	566
Net realized gain on sale and valuation adjustments of other real estate owned (1)	(1,798)	(1,735)
Net realized gain on sale of branches	—	(565)
Originations of loans held for sale (1)	(57,249)	(18,137)
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale (1)	52,983	18,424
Net gain on sale of loans held for sale (1)	(1,255)	(501)
Net change in:		
Interest receivable	(2,684)	(3,092)
Interest payable	(136)	(61)
Other assets	(1,618)	(5,567)
Other liabilities	11,012	6,749
Net cash provided by operating activities	100,869	87,199
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Loans originated and acquired, net of principal collected	(314,768)	(310,185)
Purchases of:		
Securities available for sale	(218,734)	(127,728)
Premises and equipment	(7,351)	(10,530)
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(7,360)	—
Proceeds from:		
FDIC reimbursement on loss-sharing asset	4,195	4,607
Sales of securities available for sale	82,776	55,834
Principal repayments and maturities of securities available for sale	204,322	134,882
Sales of premises and equipment, Federal Home Loan Bank stock and loans held for investment	44,615	1,470
Sales of other real estate and other personal property owned (1)	13,254	24,688
Payments to FDIC related to loss-sharing asset	(1,472)	(3,384)
Net cash paid in branch sale	—	(16,788)
Net cash used in investing activities	(200,523)	(247,134)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Net increase in deposits	390,083	307,103
Net decrease in sweep repurchase agreements	(31,898)	—
Proceeds from:		
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	1,467,000	1,308,000
Federal Reserve Bank borrowings	1,010	800
Exercise of stock options	1,194	915

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Payments for:

Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(1,677,000	)	(1,338,000	)
Repayment of Federal Reserve Bank borrowings	(1,010	)	(800	)
Common stock dividends	(56,480	)	(33,525	)
Preferred stock dividends	(100	)	(66	)
Repayment of other borrowings	(8,248	)	—	)
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(879	)	(605	)
Net cash provided by financing activities	83,672		243,822	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(15,982	)	83,887	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	188,170		179,561	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 172,188		\$ 263,448	

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, Continued  
Columbia Banking System, Inc.  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014 (1)
	(in thousands)	
Supplemental Information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Cash paid for interest	\$3,190	\$2,922
Cash paid for income tax	\$19,054	\$11,230
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Loans transferred to other real estate owned	\$8,751	\$8,930

(1) Reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. There were no changes to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities as a result of these reclassifications.

See accompanying Notes to unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Columbia Banking System, Inc.

1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The interim unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Columbia Banking System, Inc. (“we”, “our”, “Columbia” or the “Company”) and its subsidiaries, including its wholly owned banking subsidiary Columbia State Bank (“Columbia Bank” or the “Bank”) and West Coast Trust Company, Inc. (“West Coast Trust”). All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented have been included. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of results to be anticipated for the year ending December 31, 2015. The accompanying interim unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes contained in the Company’s 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our results of operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 include the acquisition of Intermountain Community Bancorp (“Intermountain”) for the entire period. However, the results of operations for the prior year periods do not include the acquisition. See Note 3, Business Combinations, for further information regarding this acquisition.

Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements are disclosed in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have not been any changes in our significant accounting policies compared to those contained in our 2014 Form 10-K disclosure for the year ended December 31, 2014.

2. Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The guidance in this update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, and most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the codification. For public companies, this update was to be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. However, in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, which delayed the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year and permits companies to voluntarily adopt the new standard as of the original effective date. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments. The amendments in ASU 2015-16 require that the acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amount is determined. The acquirer is required to also record, in the same period’s financial statements, the effect on earnings as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. In addition, an entity is required to present separately on the face of the income statement or disclose in the notes to the financial statements the portion of the amount recorded in current-period earnings by line item that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. The amendments in ASU 2015-16 are effective for years beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted for reporting periods for which financial statements have not been issued. The Company adopted the amendments in ASU 2015-16 during the current quarter.

3. Business Combinations

On November 1, 2014, the Company completed its acquisition of Intermountain. The Company paid \$131.9 million in total consideration to acquire 100% of the equity interests of Intermountain. The primary reason for the acquisition was to expand the Company’s geographic footprint into the state of Idaho, consistent with its ongoing growth strategy.

The assets acquired and liabilities assumed have been accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. The assets and liabilities, both tangible and intangible, were recorded at their fair values as of the November 1, 2014 acquisition date. Initial accounting for deferred taxes was provisionally measured as of November 1, 2014. During the current quarter, the provisionally measured deferred taxes were finalized. The resulting adjustment was a decrease in other assets of \$225 thousand

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and a corresponding increase in goodwill of \$225 thousand. There was no impact to earnings as a result of these adjustments. These adjustments were recorded as current period adjustments pursuant to the Company's early adoption of ASU 2015-16. The application of the acquisition method of accounting resulted in recognition of goodwill of \$38.8 million and a core deposit intangible of \$10.9 million, or 1.75% of core deposits. The goodwill represents the excess purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The goodwill is not deductible for income tax purposes. The table below summarizes the amounts recognized as of the acquisition date for each major class of assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

	November 1, 2014 (in thousands)	
Purchase price as of November 1, 2014	\$131,935	
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and (liabilities assumed), at fair value:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$47,283	
Investment securities	299,458	
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	2,124	
Acquired loans	502,595	
Interest receivable	4,656	
Premises and equipment	20,696	
Other real estate owned	2,752	
Core deposit intangible	10,900	
Other assets	35,128	
Deposits	(736,795)	)
Other borrowings	(22,904)	)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(59,043)	)
Other liabilities	(13,725)	)
Total fair value of identifiable net assets	93,125	
Goodwill	\$38,810	

See Note 9, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, for further discussion of the accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets.

The operating results of the Company reported herein include the operating results produced by the acquired assets and assumed liabilities for the period January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015. Disclosure of the amount of Intermountain's revenue and net income (excluding integration costs) included in Columbia's consolidated income statement is impracticable due to the integration of the operations and accounting for this acquisition.

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For illustrative purposes only, the following table presents certain unaudited pro forma information for the nine month period ended September 30, 2014. This unaudited pro forma information was calculated as if Intermountain had been acquired as of the beginning of the year prior to the date of acquisition. The unaudited pro forma information combines the historical results of Intermountain with the Company's consolidated historical results and includes certain adjustments reflecting the estimated impact of certain fair value adjustments for the respective period. The pro forma information is not indicative of what would have occurred had the acquisition occurred as of the beginning of the year prior to the acquisition. In particular, no adjustments have been made to eliminate the impact of other-than-temporary impairment losses and losses recognized on the sale of securities that may not have been necessary had the investment securities been recorded at fair value as of the beginning of the year prior to the date of acquisition. The unaudited pro forma information does not consider any changes to the provision for credit losses resulting from recording loan assets at fair value. Additionally, Columbia expects to achieve further operating cost savings and other business synergies, including revenue growth, as a result of the acquisition which are not reflected in the pro forma amounts that follow. As a result, actual amounts would have differed from the unaudited pro forma information presented.

	Unaudited Pro Forma Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 (in thousands except per share)
Total revenues (net interest income plus noninterest income)	\$300,151
Net income	\$66,788
Earnings per share - basic	\$1.19
Earnings per share - diluted	\$1.18

In connection with the Intermountain acquisition, Columbia recognized \$428 thousand and \$9.0 million in acquisition-related expenses for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and recognized \$459 thousand in acquisition-related expenses for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014. In addition, related to the acquisition of West Coast Bancorp ("West Coast") which was completed on April 1, 2013, Columbia recognized \$72 thousand in acquisition-related expenses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2015, and \$2.8 million and \$4.4 million in acquisition-related expenses for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014, respectively.

The following table shows the impact of the acquisition-related expenses related to the acquisition of Intermountain for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 to the various components of noninterest expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands)			
Noninterest Expense				
Compensation and employee benefits	\$—	\$—	\$3,308	\$—
Occupancy	181	—	1,484	—
Advertising and promotion	40	27	383	27
Data processing and communications	42	—	1,780	—
Legal and professional fees	71	388	1,089	388
Other	94	44	929	44
Total impact of acquisition-related costs to noninterest expense	\$428	\$459	\$8,973	\$459

See Note 2, Business Combinations, in Item 8 of our 2014 Form 10-K for additional details related to the Intermountain acquisition.





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## 4. Securities

The following table summarizes the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and the resulting fair value of securities available for sale:

	Amortized Cost  (in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
September 30, 2015				
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$1,157,054	\$12,610	\$(5,132)	) \$1,164,532
State and municipal securities	476,650	13,574	(755)	) 489,469
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	345,309	2,922	(375)	) 347,856
U.S. government securities	20,431	1	(32)	) 20,400
Other securities	5,284	31	(148)	) 5,167
Total	\$2,004,728	\$29,138	\$(6,442)	) \$2,027,424
December 31, 2014				
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$1,160,378	\$10,219	\$(8,210)	) \$1,162,387
State and municipal securities	483,578	14,432	(1,526)	) 496,484
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	416,919	856	(4,069)	) 413,706
U.S. government securities	20,910	—	(411)	) 20,499
Other securities	5,284	20	(123)	) 5,181
Total	\$2,087,069	\$25,527	\$(14,339)	) \$2,098,257

Proceeds from sales of securities available-for-sale were \$10.6 million and \$25.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and were \$82.8 million and \$55.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The following table provides the gross realized gains and losses on the sales of securities for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014 (in thousands)		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014	
Gross realized gains	\$236	\$33	\$1,310	\$552
Gross realized losses	—	—	(10)	) —
Net realized gains	\$236	\$33	\$1,300	\$552

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The scheduled contractual maturities of investment securities available for sale at September 30, 2015 are presented as follows:

	September 30, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in thousands)	
Due within one year	\$22,054	\$22,320
Due after one year through five years	418,087	421,722
Due after five years through ten years	543,698	553,422
Due after ten years	1,015,605	1,024,793
Other securities with no stated maturity	5,284	5,167
Total investment securities available-for-sale	\$2,004,728	\$2,027,424

The following table summarizes the carrying value of securities pledged as collateral to secure public deposits, borrowings and other purposes as permitted or required by law:

	September 30, 2015 (in thousands)
Washington and Oregon State to secure public deposits	\$328,476
Federal Reserve Bank to secure borrowings	55,578
Other securities pledged	149,032
Total securities pledged as collateral	\$533,086

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of the Company's investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total				
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses			
	(in thousands)								
September 30, 2015									
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$124,092	\$(804)	)	\$204,165	\$(4,328)	)	\$328,257	\$(5,132)	)
State and municipal securities	37,808	(161)	)	29,960	(594)	)	67,768	(755)	)
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	500	(1)	)	54,892	(374)	)	55,392	(375)	)
U.S. government securities	—	—		9,925	(32)	)	9,925	(32)	)
Other securities	—	—		2,807	(148)	)	2,807	(148)	)
Total	\$162,400	\$(966)	)	\$301,749	\$(5,476)	)	\$464,149	\$(6,442)	)

## December 31, 2014

U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$258,825	\$(1,287)	\$279,015	\$(6,924)	\$537,840	\$(8,211)
State and municipal securities	71,026	(543)	44,148	(982)	115,174	(1,525)
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	105,250	(518)	216,221	(3,551)	321,471	(4,069)
U.S. government securities	—	—	19,450	(411)	19,450	(411)

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Other securities	2,313	(2	)	2,834	(121	)	5,147	(123	)
Total	\$437,414	\$(2,350	)	\$561,668	\$(11,989	)	\$999,082	\$(14,339	)

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At September 30, 2015, there were 75 U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations securities in an unrealized loss position, of which 38 were in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more. The decline in fair value is attributable to changes in interest rates relative to where these investments fall within the yield curve and their individual characteristics. Because the Company does not intend to sell these securities nor does the Company consider it more likely than not that it will be required to sell these securities before the recovery of amortized cost basis, which may be upon maturity, the Company does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, there were 57 state and municipal government securities in an unrealized loss position, of which 28 were in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more. The unrealized losses on state and municipal securities were caused by interest rate changes or widening of market spreads subsequent to the purchase of the individual securities. Management monitors published credit ratings of these securities for adverse changes. As of September 30, 2015, none of the rated obligations of state and local government entities held by the Company had a below investment grade credit rating. Because the credit quality of these securities are investment grade and the Company does not intend to sell these securities nor does the Company consider it more likely than not that it will be required to sell these securities before the recovery of amortized cost basis, which may be upon maturity, the Company does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, there were six U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities in an unrealized loss position, five of which were in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more. The decline in fair value is attributable to changes in interest rates relative to where these investments fall within the yield curve and their individual characteristics. Because the Company does not currently intend to sell these securities nor does the Company consider it more likely than not that it will be required to sell these securities before the recovery of amortized cost basis, which may be upon maturity, the Company does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, there was one U.S. government security in an unrealized loss position which was in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more. The decline in fair value is attributable to changes in interest rates relative to where this investment falls within the yield curve and its individual characteristics. Because the Company does not currently intend to sell this security nor does the Company consider it more likely than not that it will be required to sell this security before the recovery of amortized cost basis, which may be upon maturity, the Company does not consider this investment to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, there was one other security in an unrealized loss position, which was in a continuous unrealized loss position for 12 months or more. The decline in fair value is attributable to changes in interest rates and the additional risk premium investors are demanding for investment securities with these characteristics. The Company does not consider this investment to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015 as it has the intent and ability to hold the investment for sufficient time to allow for recovery in the market value.

### 5.Loans

The Company's loan portfolio includes originated and purchased loans. Originated loans and purchased loans for which there was no evidence of credit deterioration at their acquisition date and it was probable that we would be able to collect all contractually required payments are referred to collectively as loans, excluding purchased credit impaired loans. Purchased loans for which there was, at acquisition date, evidence of credit deterioration since their origination and it was probable that we would be unable to collect all contractually required payments are referred to as purchased credit impaired loans, or "PCI loans."

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The following is an analysis of the loan portfolio by major types of loans (net of unearned income):

	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Loans, excluding PCI loans (in thousands)	PCI Loans	Total	Loans, excluding PCI loans	PCI Loans	Total
Commercial business	\$2,354,731	\$39,919	\$2,394,650	\$2,119,565	\$44,505	\$2,164,070
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	177,108	25,122	202,230	175,571	26,993	202,564
Commercial and multifamily residential	2,449,847	101,382	2,551,229	2,363,541	128,769	2,492,310
Total real estate	2,626,955	126,504	2,753,459	2,539,112	155,762	2,694,874
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential	136,783	2,401	139,184	116,866	4,021	120,887
Commercial and multifamily residential	134,097	2,007	136,104	134,443	2,321	136,764
Total real estate construction	270,880	4,408	275,288	251,309	6,342	257,651
Consumer	348,315	20,235	368,550	364,182	23,975	388,157
Less: Net unearned income	(45,436 )	—	(45,436 )	(59,374 )	—	(59,374 )
Total loans, net of unearned income	5,555,445	191,066	5,746,511	5,214,794	230,584	5,445,378
Less: Allowance for loan and lease losses	(55,059 )	(13,990 )	(69,049 )	(53,233 )	(16,336 )	(69,569 )
Total loans, net	\$5,500,386	\$177,076	\$5,677,462	\$5,161,561	\$214,248	\$5,375,809
Loans held for sale	\$6,637	\$—	\$6,637	\$1,116	\$—	\$1,116

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had no material foreign activities. Substantially all of the Company's loans and unfunded commitments are geographically concentrated in its service areas within the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The Company has made loans to executive officers and directors of the Company and related interests. These loans are made on the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons and do not involve more than the normal risk of collectability. The aggregate dollar amount of these loans was \$10.1 million at September 30, 2015 and \$13.2 million at December 31, 2014. During the first nine months of 2015, there were \$6 thousand in advances and \$3.1 million in repayments.

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$2.17 billion and \$1.08 billion of commercial and residential real estate loans were pledged as collateral on Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines ("FHLB") borrowings and additional borrowing capacity. The Company has also pledged \$52.1 million and \$46.0 million of commercial loans to the Federal Reserve Bank for additional borrowing capacity at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

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The following is an analysis of nonaccrual loans as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Recorded Investment Nonaccrual Loans (in thousands)	Unpaid Principal Balance Nonaccrual Loans	Recorded Investment Nonaccrual Loans	Unpaid Principal Balance Nonaccrual Loans
Commercial business:				
Secured	\$9,512	\$ 15,560	\$16,552	\$ 21,453
Unsecured	638	732	247	269
Real estate:				
One-to-four family residential	2,012	3,430	2,822	5,680
Commercial & multifamily residential:				
Commercial land	700	786	821	1,113
Income property	1,923	1,997	3,200	5,521
Owner occupied	1,694	1,840	3,826	5,837
Real estate construction:				
One-to-four family residential:				
Land and acquisition	575	591	95	112
Residential construction	897	1,040	370	370
Commercial & multifamily residential:				
Owner occupied	470	489	480	489
Consumer	659	902	2,939	3,930
Total	\$19,080	\$ 27,367	\$31,352	\$ 44,774

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Loans, excluding purchased credit impaired loans

The following is an aging of the recorded investment of the loan portfolio as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Current Loans	30 - 59 Days Past Due	60 - 89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Nonaccrual Loans	Total Loans
September 30, 2015	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$2,251,545	\$3,734	\$1,177	\$—	\$4,911	\$9,512	\$2,265,968
Unsecured	82,826	247	28	—	275	638	83,739
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	170,390	1,053	662	—	1,715	2,012	174,117
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	206,597	735	380	—	1,115	700	208,412
Income property	1,318,021	1,492	1,028	—	2,520	1,923	1,322,464
Owner occupied	894,172	204	244	—	448	1,694	896,314
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	13,960	—	—	—	—	575	14,535
Residential construction	120,410	—	—	—	—	897	121,307
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	63,182	—	—	—	—	—	63,182
Owner occupied	67,793	980	—	—	980	470	69,243
Consumer	333,275	2,167	63	—	2,230	659	336,164
Total	\$5,522,171	\$10,612	\$3,582	\$—	\$14,194	\$19,080	\$5,555,445
December 31, 2014	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$2,004,418	\$5,137	\$6,149	\$1,372	\$12,658	\$16,552	\$2,033,628
Unsecured	79,661	185	—	—	185	247	80,093
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	167,197	1,700	45	—	1,745	2,822	171,764
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	187,470	1,454	34	—	1,488	821	189,779
Income property	1,294,982	3,031	786	—	3,817	3,200	1,301,999
Owner occupied	839,689	937	289	—	1,226	3,826	844,741
Real estate construction:							



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One-to-four family  
residential:

Land and acquisition	15,462	953	—	—	953	95	16,510
Residential construction	97,821	326	—	4	330	370	98,521
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	73,783	—	—	—	—	—	73,783
Owner occupied	57,470	—	994	—	994	480	58,944
Consumer	341,032	933	118	10	1,061	2,939	345,032
Total	\$5,158,985	\$14,656	\$8,415	\$1,386	\$24,457	\$31,352	\$5,214,794

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The following is an analysis of impaired loans as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Recorded Investment of Loans Collectively for Contingency Provision (in thousands)	Recorded Investment of Loans Measured for Specific Impairment	Impaired Loans With Recorded Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Impaired Loans Without Recorded Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance
September 30, 2015							
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$2,260,544	\$ 5,424	\$1,402	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,020	\$4,022	\$5,312
Unsecured	83,739	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	171,669	2,448	317	341	84	2,131	2,903
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	208,412	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income property	1,320,287	2,177	—	—	—	2,177	2,336
Owner occupied	889,085	7,229	571	571	17	6,658	9,137
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	13,854	681	106	106	64	575	591
Residential construction	120,414	893	—	—	—	893	893
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	63,182	—	—	—	—	—	—
Owner occupied	69,243	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	336,136	28	14	15	14	14	85
Total	\$5,536,565	\$ 18,880	\$2,410	\$2,445	\$ 1,199	\$16,470	\$21,257
	Recorded Investment of Loans Collectively for Contingency Provision (in thousands)	Recorded Investment of Loans Measured for Specific Impairment	Impaired Loans With Recorded Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Impaired Loans Without Recorded Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance
December 31, 2014							
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$2,023,104	\$ 10,524	\$99	\$99	\$ 25	\$10,425	\$12,410
Unsecured	80,091	2	2	2	2	—	—
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	169,619	2,145	424	465	120	1,721	2,370
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	189,779	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income property	1,295,650	6,349	—	—	—	6,349	10,720
Owner occupied	835,895	8,846	582	582	27	8,264	12,732

Real estate construction:

One-to-four family residential:

Land and acquisition	16,401	109	109	109	67	—	—
Residential construction	98,521	—	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	73,783	—	—	—	—	—	—
Owner occupied	58,944	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	344,908	124	—	—	—	124	201
Total	\$5,186,695	\$28,099	\$1,216	\$1,257	\$241	\$26,883	\$38,433

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The following table provides additional information on impaired loans for the three and nine month periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
	Average Recorded Investment on Impaired Loans	Interest Recognized Investment on Impaired Loans	Average Recorded Investment on Impaired Loans	Interest Recognized Investment on Impaired Loans	Average Recorded Investment on Impaired Loans	Interest Recognized Investment on Impaired Loans	Average Recorded Investment on Impaired Loans	Interest Recognized Investment on Impaired Loans
	(in thousands)							
Commercial business:								
Secured	\$6,507	\$ 3	\$6,869	\$ 17	\$8,602	\$ 10	\$6,550	\$ 50
Unsecured	—	—	15	—	1	—	23	1
Real estate:								
One-to-four family residential	3,315	11	2,307	14	3,238	35	2,082	37
Commercial & multifamily residential:								
Commercial land	—	—	94	—	118	—	102	—
Income property	2,061	10	7,345	69	3,114	27	6,891	205
Owner occupied	6,665	65	9,117	239	7,302	533	9,629	715
Real estate construction:								
One-to-four family residential:								
Land and acquisition	825	1	111	1	685	4	840	4
Residential construction	893	—	—	—	670	—	—	—
Consumer	27	1	142	2	216	3	152	7
Total	\$20,293	\$ 91	\$26,000	\$ 342	\$23,946	\$ 612	\$26,269	\$ 1,019

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The following is an analysis of loans classified as troubled debt restructurings (“TDR”) during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three months ended September 30, 2015			Three months ended September 30, 2014		
	Number of TDR Modifications	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of TDR Modifications	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
	(dollars in thousands)					
Commercial business:						
Secured	4	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,903	—	\$ —	\$ —
Real estate:						
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Owner occupied	—	—	—	1	1,496	1,496
Total	4	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,903	1	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,496
	Nine months ended September 30, 2015			Nine months ended September 30, 2014		
	Number of TDR Modifications	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of TDR Modifications	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
	(dollars in thousands)					
Commercial business:						
Secured	4	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,903	4	\$ 759	\$ 759
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	1	30	30	2	494	494
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Income property	—	—	—	1	143	126
Owner occupied	—	—	—	1	1,496	1,496
Total	5	\$ 2,933	\$ 2,933	8	\$ 2,892	\$ 2,875

The Company’s loans classified as TDR are loans that have been modified or the borrower has been granted special concessions due to financial difficulties that, if not for the challenges of the borrower, the Company would not otherwise consider. The TDR modifications or concessions are made to increase the likelihood that these borrowers with financial difficulties will be able to satisfy their debt obligations as amended. The concessions granted in the restructurings completed in the three and nine month periods ending September 30, 2015 and 2014 largely consisted of maturity extensions, interest rate modifications or a combination of both. In limited circumstances, a reduction in the principal balance of the loan could also be made as a concession. Credit losses for loans classified as TDR are measured on the same basis as impaired loans. For impaired loans, an allowance is established when the collateral value less selling costs (or discounted cash flows or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the recorded investment of that loan.

The Company had no commitments to lend additional funds on loans classified as TDR as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The Company did not have any loans modified as TDR that defaulted within twelve months of being modified as TDR during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

#### Purchased Credit Impaired Loans (“PCI Loans”)

PCI loans are accounted for under ASC 310-30 and initially measured at fair value based on expected future cash flows over the life of the loans. Loans that have common risk characteristics are aggregated into pools. The Company remeasures contractual and expected cash flows, at the pool-level, on a quarterly basis.

Contractual cash flows are calculated based upon the loan pool terms after applying a prepayment factor. Calculation of the applied prepayment factor for contractual cash flows is the same as described below for expected cash flows. Inputs to the determination of expected cash flows include cumulative default and prepayment data as well as loss severity and recovery lag information. Cumulative default and prepayment data are calculated via a transition matrix. The transition matrix is a matrix of probability values that specifies the probability of a loan pool transitioning into a particular delinquency state (e.g. 0-30 days past due, 31 to 60 days, etc.) given its delinquency state at the remeasurement date. Loss severity factors

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are based upon either actual charge-off data within the loan pools or industry averages and recovery lags are based upon the collateral within the loan pools.

The excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the initial fair value of purchased credit impaired loans is referred to as the accretable yield and is accreted into interest income over the estimated life of the acquired loans using the effective yield method. Other adjustments to the accretable yield include changes in the estimated remaining life of the acquired loans, changes in expected cash flows and changes of indices for acquired loans with variable interest rates.

The following is an analysis of our PCI loans, net of related allowance for losses and remaining valuation discounts as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015 (in thousands)	December 31, 2014
Commercial business	\$44,234	\$50,334
Real estate:		
One-to-four family residential	28,575	31,981
Commercial and multifamily residential	108,895	140,398
Total real estate	137,470	172,379
Real estate construction:		
One-to-four family residential	2,447	4,353
Commercial and multifamily residential	2,225	2,588
Total real estate construction	4,672	6,941
Consumer	22,477	26,814
Subtotal of PCI loans	208,853	256,468
Less:		
Valuation discount resulting from acquisition accounting	17,787	25,884
Allowance for loan losses	13,990	16,336
PCI loans, net of allowance for loan losses	\$177,076	\$214,248

The following table shows the changes in accretable yield for PCI loans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$67,283	\$92,511	\$73,849	\$103,907
Accretion	(5,049)	(8,034)	(17,105)	(28,658)
Disposals	256	(357)	(1,796)	(3,183)
Reclassifications from nonaccretable difference	350	(3,589)	7,892	8,465
Balance at end of period	\$62,840	\$80,531	\$62,840	\$80,531

#### 6. Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses and Unfunded Commitments and Letters of Credit

##### Loans, excluding PCI loans

We maintain an allowance for loan and lease losses ("ALLL") to absorb losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The size of the ALLL is determined through quarterly assessments of the probable estimated losses in the loan portfolio. Our methodology for making such assessments and determining the adequacy of the ALLL includes the following key elements:

1. General valuation allowance consistent with the Contingencies topic of the FASB ASC.
2. Classified loss reserves on specific relationships. Specific allowances for identified problem loans are determined in accordance with the Receivables topic of the FASB ASC.
- 3.

The unallocated allowance provides for other factors inherent in our loan portfolio that may not have been contemplated in the general and specific components of the allowance. This unallocated amount generally comprises less than 5% of the allowance. The unallocated amount is reviewed quarterly based on trends in credit losses, the results of credit reviews and overall economic trends.



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The general valuation allowance is calculated quarterly using quantitative and qualitative information about specific loan classes. The minimum required level with respect to which an entity develops a methodology to determine its ALLL is by general categories of loans, such as commercial business, real estate, and consumer. However, the Company's methodology in determining its ALLL is prepared in a more detailed manner at the loan class level, utilizing specific categories such as commercial business secured, commercial business unsecured, real estate commercial land, and real estate income property multifamily. The quantitative information uses historical losses from a specific loan class and incorporates the loan's risk rating migration from origination to the point of loss based upon the consideration of an appropriate look back period.

A loan's risk rating is primarily determined based upon the borrower's ability to fulfill its debt obligation from a cash flow perspective. In the event there is financial deterioration of the borrower, the borrower's other sources of income or repayment are also considered, including recent appraisal values for collateral dependent loans. The qualitative information takes into account general economic and business conditions affecting our marketplace, seasoning of the loan portfolio, duration of the business cycle, etc. to ensure our methodologies reflect the current economic environment and other factors as using historical loss information exclusively may not give an accurate estimate of inherent losses within the Company's loan portfolio.

When a loan is deemed to be impaired, the Company has to determine if a specific valuation allowance is required for that loan. The specific valuation allowance is a reserve, calculated at the individual loan level, for each loan determined to be both impaired and containing a value less than its recorded investment. The Company measures the impairment based on the discounted expected future cash flows, observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral less selling costs if the loan is collateral dependent or if foreclosure is probable. The specific reserve for each loan is equal to the difference between the recorded investment in the loan and its determined impairment value.

The ALLL is increased by provisions for loan and lease losses ("provision") charged to expense, and is reduced by loans charged off, net of recoveries or a recovery of previous provisions. While the Company's management believes the best information available is used to determine the ALLL, changes in market conditions could result in adjustments to the ALLL, affecting net income, if circumstances differ from the assumptions used in determining the ALLL.

We have used the same methodology for ALLL calculations during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. Adjustments to the percentages of the ALLL allocated to loan categories are made based on trends with respect to delinquencies and problem loans within each class of loans. The Company reviews the ALLL quantitative and qualitative methodology on a quarterly basis and makes adjustments when appropriate. The Company continues to strive towards maintaining a conservative approach to credit quality and will continue to make revisions to our ALLL as necessary to maintain adequate reserves. The Company carefully monitors the loan portfolio and continues to emphasize the importance of credit quality.

Once it is determined that all or a portion of a loan balance is uncollectable, and the amount can be reasonably estimated, the uncollectable portion of the loan is charged-off.

### PCI Loans

Purchased credit impaired loans that have common risk characteristics are aggregated into loan pools. When required, we record impairment, at the pool-level, to adjust the pool's carrying value to its net present value of expected future cash flows. Quarterly, we re-measure expected loan pool cash flows. If, due to credit deterioration, the present value of expected cash flows is less than carrying value, we reduce the loan pool's carrying value by adjusting the ALLL with an impairment charge to earnings which is recorded as provision for loan losses. If credit quality improves and the present value of expected cash flows exceeds carrying value, we increase the loan pool's carrying value by recapturing previously recorded ALLL, if any. See Note 5, Loans, for further discussion of the accounting for PCI loans.

Credit losses attributable to draws on purchased credit impaired loans, advanced subsequent to the loan purchase date, are accounted for under ASC 450-20 and those amounts are also subject to the Company's internal and external credit review. An ALLL is estimated in a similar manner as loans, excluding PCI loans, and a provision for loan losses is charged to earnings as necessary.



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The following tables show a detailed analysis of the ALLL for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Beginning Balance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision (Recovery)	Ending Balance	Specific Reserve	General Allocation
Three months ended September 30, 2015	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$27,708	\$(2,439 )	\$530	\$5,189	\$30,988	\$1,020	\$29,968
Unsecured	857	(131 )	93	471	1,290	—	1,290
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	1,355	—	261	(420 )	1,196	84	1,112
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	1,581	—	130	123	1,834	—	1,834
Income property	8,197	(83 )	273	22	8,409	—	8,409
Owner occupied	5,801	(115 )	14	473	6,173	17	6,156
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	497	—	98	(206 )	389	64	325
Residential construction	958	—	7	(250 )	715	—	715
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	407	—	2	(68 )	341	—	341
Owner occupied	441	—	—	(31 )	410	—	410
Consumer	3,182	(311 )	297	49	3,217	14	3,203
Purchased credit impaired	16,174	(3,198 )	1,533	(519 )	13,990	—	13,990
Unallocated	2,099	—	—	(2,002 )	97	—	97
Total	\$69,257	\$(6,277 )	\$3,238	\$2,831	\$69,049	\$1,199	\$67,850
	Beginning Balance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision (Recovery)	Ending Balance	Specific Reserve	General Allocation
Nine months ended September 30, 2015	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$25,923	\$(5,847 )	\$1,242	\$9,670	\$30,988	\$1,020	\$29,968
Unsecured	927	(235 )	208	390	1,290	—	1,290
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	2,281	(297 )	288	(1,076 )	1,196	84	1,112
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	799	—	130	905	1,834	—	1,834
Income property	9,159	(126 )	3,532	(4,156 )	8,409	—	8,409
Owner occupied	5,007	(115 )	36	1,245	6,173	17	6,156
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	1,197	—	101	(909 )	389	64	325
Residential construction	1,860	—	40	(1,185 )	715	—	715
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	622	—	7	(288 )	341	—	341

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Owner occupied	434	—	—	(24	)	410	—	410
Consumer	3,180	(1,521	)	707	851	3,217	14	3,203
Purchased credit impaired	16,336	(10,174	)	5,262	2,566	13,990	—	13,990
Unallocated	1,844	—	—	(1,747	)	97	—	97
Total	\$69,569	\$(18,315	)	\$ 11,553	\$ 6,242	\$69,049	\$1,199	\$67,850

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	Beginning Balance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision (Recovery)	Ending Balance	Specific Reserve	General Allocation
Three months ended September 30, 2014	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$25,519	\$(1,348 )	\$ 333	\$ 243	\$24,747	\$39	\$24,708
Unsecured	754	—	23	112	889	11	878
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	1,083	—	63	230	1,376	124	1,252
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	470	—	51	(124 )	397	—	397
Income property	10,511	—	83	(784 )	9,810	—	9,810
Owner occupied	4,990	(7 )	5	(193 )	4,795	31	4,764
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	403	—	3	876	1,282	68	1,214
Residential construction	677	—	18	1,103	1,798	—	1,798
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	414	—	—	535	949	—	949
Owner occupied	166	—	—	168	334	—	334
Consumer	2,643	(620 )	340	502	2,865	—	2,865
Purchased credit impaired	19,801	(3,236 )	1,888	(520 )	17,933	—	17,933
Unallocated	1,864	—	—	(1,168 )	696	—	696
Total	\$69,295	\$(5,211 )	\$ 2,807	\$ 980	\$67,871	\$273	\$67,598
	Beginning Balance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision (Recovery)	Ending Balance	Specific Reserve	General Allocation
Nine months ended September 30, 2014	(in thousands)						
Commercial business:							
Secured	\$31,027	\$(3,188 )	\$ 2,216	\$ (5,308 )	\$24,747	\$39	\$24,708
Unsecured	696	(110 )	342	(39 )	889	11	878
Real estate:							
One-to-four family residential	1,252	(207 )	103	228	1,376	124	1,252
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Commercial land	489	(29 )	70	(133 )	397	—	397
Income property	9,234	(1,934 )	601	1,909	9,810	—	9,810
Owner occupied	3,605	(1,030 )	44	2,176	4,795	31	4,764
Real estate construction:							
One-to-four family residential:							
Land and acquisition	610	—	44	628	1,282	68	1,214
Residential construction	822	—	461	515	1,798	—	1,798
Commercial & multifamily residential:							
Income property	285	—	—	664	949	—	949
Owner occupied	58	—	—	276	334	—	334
Consumer	2,547	(2,256 )	931	1,643	2,865	—	2,865

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Purchased credit impaired	20,174	(11,350	) 5,690	3,419	17,933	—	17,933
Unallocated	1,655	—	—	(959	) 696	—	696
Total	\$72,454	\$(20,104	) \$ 10,502	\$ 5,019	\$67,871	\$273	\$67,598

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Changes in the allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit, a component of other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet, are summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$2,930	\$2,355	\$2,655	\$2,505
Net changes in the allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit	—	150	275	—
Balance at end of period	\$2,930	\$2,505	\$2,930	\$2,505

**Risk Elements**

The extension of credit in the form of loans or other credit products to individuals and businesses is one of our principal business activities. Our policies and applicable laws and regulations require risk analysis as well as ongoing portfolio and credit management. We manage our credit risk through lending limit constraints, credit review, approval policies and extensive, ongoing internal monitoring. We also manage credit risk through diversification of the loan portfolio by type of loan, type of industry and type of borrower and by limiting the aggregation of debt to a single borrower.

Risk ratings are reviewed and updated whenever appropriate, with more periodic reviews as the risk and dollar value of loss on the loan increases. In the event full collection of principal and interest is not reasonably assured, the loan is appropriately downgraded and, if warranted, placed on nonaccrual status even though the loan may be current as to principal and interest payments. Additionally, we assess whether an impairment of a loan warrants specific reserves or a write-down of the loan.

Pass loans are generally considered to have sufficient sources of repayment in order to repay the loan in full in accordance with all terms and conditions. Special mention loans have potential weaknesses that, if left uncorrected, may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the asset or in the Company's credit position at some future date. Loans with a risk rating of Substandard or worse are reported as classified loans in our ALLL analysis. We review these loans to assess the ability of our borrowers to service all interest and principal obligations and, as a result, the risk rating may be adjusted accordingly. Substandard loans reflect loans where a loss is possible if loan weaknesses are not corrected. Doubtful loans have a high probability of loss, however, the amount of loss has not yet been determined. Loss loans are considered uncollectable and when identified, are charged off.

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The following is an analysis of the credit quality of our loan portfolio, excluding PCI loans, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
September 30, 2015	(in thousands)					
Loans, excluding PCI loans:						
Commercial business:						
Secured	\$2,162,946	\$48,884	\$54,138	\$—	\$—	\$2,265,968
Unsecured	81,902	17	1,820	—	—	83,739
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	170,685	53	3,379	—	—	174,117
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Commercial land	200,404	6,850	1,158	—	—	208,412
Income property	1,307,536	6,580	8,348	—	—	1,322,464
Owner occupied	870,085	7,363	18,866	—	—	896,314
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential:						
Land and acquisition	14,379	—	156	—	—	14,535
Residential construction	120,011	—	1,296	—	—	121,307
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Income property	63,182	—	—	—	—	63,182
Owner occupied	68,371	—	872	—	—	69,243
Consumer	333,721	—	2,443	—	—	336,164
Total	\$5,393,222	\$69,747	\$92,476	\$—	\$—	5,555,445
Less:						
Allowance for loan and lease losses						55,059
Loans, excluding PCI loans, net						\$5,500,386
	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
December 31, 2014	(in thousands)					
Loans, excluding PCI loans:						
Commercial business:						
Secured	\$1,963,210	\$15,790	\$54,628	\$—	\$—	\$2,033,628
Unsecured	79,534	—	559	—	—	80,093
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	163,914	55	7,795	—	—	171,764
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Commercial land	183,701	4,217	1,861	—	—	189,779
Income property	1,287,729	5,885	8,385	—	—	1,301,999
Owner occupied	825,694	7,876	11,171	—	—	844,741
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential:						
Land and acquisition	15,307	167	1,036	—	—	16,510
Residential construction	96,031	909	1,581	—	—	98,521
Commercial and multifamily residential:						



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Income property	73,783	—	—	—	—	73,783
Owner occupied	58,055	—	889	—	—	58,944
Consumer	339,695	68	5,269	—	—	345,032
Total	\$5,086,653	\$34,967	\$93,174	\$—	\$—	5,214,794
Less:						
Allowance for loan and lease losses						53,233
Loans, excluding PCI loans, net						\$5,161,561

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The following is an analysis of the credit quality of our PCI loan portfolio as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
September 30, 2015	(in thousands)					
PCI loans:						
Commercial business:						
Secured	\$34,524	\$198	\$8,070	\$—	\$—	\$42,792
Unsecured	1,422	—	20	—	—	1,442
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	25,581	—	2,994	—	—	28,575
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Commercial land	8,711	—	665	—	—	9,376
Income property	39,457	—	7,007	—	—	46,464
Owner occupied	51,073	—	1,982	—	—	53,055
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential:						
Land and acquisition	1,168	—	500	—	—	1,668
Residential construction	767	—	12	—	—	779
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Income property	1,322	—	—	—	—	1,322
Owner occupied	903	—	—	—	—	903
Consumer	21,369	—	1,108	—	—	22,477
Total	\$186,297	\$198	\$22,358	\$—	\$—	208,853
Less:						
Valuation discount resulting from acquisition accounting						17,787
Allowance for loan losses						13,990
PCI loans, net						\$177,076
	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
December 31, 2014	(in thousands)					
PCI loans:						
Commercial business:						
Secured	\$37,927	\$937	\$9,223	\$—	\$—	\$48,087
Unsecured	2,156	—	91	—	—	2,247
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	28,822	—	3,159	—	—	31,981
Commercial and multifamily residential:						
Commercial land	9,104	—	6,240	—	—	15,344
Income property	51,435	1,892	7,186	—	—	60,513
Owner occupied	58,629	346	5,566	—	—	64,541
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential:						
Land and acquisition	1,595	—	913	—	—	2,508
Residential construction	741	—	1,104	—	—	1,845

Commercial and multifamily  
residential:

Income property	1,435	—	227	—	—	1,662
Owner occupied	926	—	—	—	—	926
Consumer	24,037	—	2,777	—	—	26,814
Total	\$216,807	\$3,175	\$36,486	\$—	\$—	256,468
Less:						
Valuation discount resulting from acquisition accounting						25,884
Allowance for loan losses						16,336
PCI loans, net						\$214,248

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## 7. Other Real Estate Owned (“OREO”)

The following tables set forth activity in OREO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands)			
Balance, beginning of period	\$20,617	\$28,254	\$22,190	\$35,927
Transfers in	915	1,089	8,751	8,930
Valuation adjustments	(664)	(667)	(1,457)	(3,220)
Proceeds from sale of OREO property	(1,675)	(8,755)	(13,283)	(24,688)
Gain on sale of OREO, net	263	1,983	3,255	4,955
Balance, end of period	\$19,456	\$21,904	\$19,456	\$21,904

At September 30, 2015, the carrying amount of foreclosed residential real estate properties held as a result of obtaining physical possession was \$2.8 million and the recorded investment of consumer mortgage loans secured by residential real estate properties for which formal foreclosure proceedings were in process was \$1.9 million.

## 8. FDIC Loss-sharing Asset and Covered Assets

We are a party to eight loss-sharing agreements with the FDIC relating to four FDIC-assisted acquisitions. Such agreements cover a substantial portion of losses incurred on acquired covered loans and OREO. The loss-sharing agreements relate to the acquisitions of (1) Columbia River Bank in January 2010, (2) American Marine Bank in January 2010, (3) Summit Bank in May 2011, and (4) First Heritage Bank in May 2011. Under the terms of the loss-sharing agreements, the FDIC will absorb 80% of losses and share in 80% of loss recoveries up to specified amounts. With respect to loss-sharing agreements for two acquisitions completed in 2010, after those specified amounts, the FDIC will absorb 95% of losses and share in 95% of loss recoveries. The loss-sharing provisions of the agreements for non-single family and single family mortgage loans are in effect for five and ten years, respectively and the loss recovery provisions are in effect for eight and ten years, respectively. The loss-sharing provisions for the Columbia River Bank and American Marine Bank non-single family covered assets were effective through March 31, 2015. Accordingly, further activity will be limited to recoveries through the first quarter of 2018 for assets covered by these loss-sharing agreements.

Ten years and forty-five days after the applicable acquisition dates, the Bank must pay to the FDIC a clawback in the event the losses from the acquisitions fail to reach stated levels. The amount of the clawback is determined by a formula specified in each individual loss-sharing agreement. As of September 30, 2015, the net present value of the Bank’s estimated clawback liability was \$4.3 million, which was included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

At September 30, 2015, the FDIC loss-sharing asset was comprised of a \$6.7 million FDIC indemnification asset and a \$1.4 million FDIC receivable. The indemnification asset represents the net present value of cash flows the Company expects to collect from the FDIC under the loss-sharing agreements and the FDIC receivable represents amounts from the FDIC for which the Company has requested reimbursement but has not yet received reimbursement.

For PCI loans, the Company remeasures contractual and expected cash flows on a quarterly basis. When the quarterly remeasurement process results in a decrease in expected cash flows due to an increase in expected credit losses, impairment is recorded. As a result of this impairment, for loans covered by loss-sharing agreements with respect to which the loss-sharing provisions are still effective, the indemnification asset is increased to reflect anticipated future cash to be received from the FDIC. Consistent with the loss-sharing agreements between the Company and the FDIC, the amount of the increase to the indemnification asset is measured as 80% of the resulting impairment.

Alternatively, when the quarterly remeasurement results in an increase in expected future cash flows due to a decrease in expected credit losses, the nonaccretable difference decreases and the effective yield of the related loan portfolio is increased. As a result of the improved expected cash flows, for loans covered by loss-sharing agreements with respect to which the loss-sharing provisions are still effective, the indemnification asset would be reduced first by the amount of any impairment previously recorded and, second, by increased amortization over the remaining life of the related loss-sharing agreement.



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The following table shows a detailed analysis of the FDIC loss-sharing asset for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		September 30, 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		September 30, 2014	
	(in thousands)							
Balance at beginning of period	\$9,344	\$27,981			\$15,174	\$39,846		
Adjustments not reflected in income:								
Cash (received from) paid to the FDIC, net	799	541			(2,723	) (1,223	)	)
FDIC reimbursable recoveries, net	(362	) (214	)	)	(1,326	) (446	)	)
Adjustments reflected in income:								
Amortization, net	(1,416	) (3,992	)	)	(5,086	) (16,208	)	)
Loan impairment	(119	) (416	)	)	1,413	2,735		
Sale of other real estate	(126	) (383	)	)	(753	) (2,104	)	)
Write-downs of other real estate	25	67			1,148	860		
Other	1	(92	)	)	299	32		
Balance at end of period	\$8,146	\$23,492			\$8,146	\$23,492		



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The following table sets forth activity for goodwill and other intangible assets for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014	
	(in thousands)			
Goodwill				
Goodwill at beginning of period (1)	\$382,537	\$343,952	\$382,537	\$343,952
Provisional period adjustments (1)	225	—	225	—
Total goodwill (1)	382,762	343,952	382,762	343,952
Other intangible assets, net				
Core deposit intangible:				
Gross core deposit intangible balance at beginning of period (1)	58,598	47,698	58,598	47,698
Accumulated amortization at beginning of period	(32,593)	(25,825)	(29,058)	(22,765)
Core deposit intangible, net at beginning of period	26,005	21,873	29,540	24,933
CDI current period amortization	(1,695)	(1,456)	(5,230)	(4,516)
Total core deposit intangible, net at end of period	24,310	20,417	24,310	20,417
Intangible assets not subject to amortization	919	919	919	919
Other intangible assets, net at end of period	25,229	21,336	25,229	21,336
Total goodwill and other intangible assets at end of period	\$407,991	\$365,288	\$407,991	\$365,288

(1) See Note 3, Business Combinations, for additional information regarding goodwill and intangible assets recorded related to the acquisition of Intermountain on November 1, 2014.

The following table provides the estimated future amortization expense of core deposit intangibles for the remaining three months ending December 31, 2015 and the succeeding four years:

	Amount (in thousands)
Year ending December 31,	
2015	\$1,653
2016	5,945
2017	4,913
2018	3,855
2019	2,951



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## 10. Derivatives and Balance Sheet Offsetting

The Company periodically enters into certain commercial loan interest rate swap agreements in order to provide commercial loan customers the ability to convert from variable to fixed interest rates. Under these agreements, the Company enters into a variable-rate loan agreement with a customer in addition to a swap agreement. This swap agreement effectively converts the customer's variable rate loan into a fixed rate. The Company then enters into a corresponding swap agreement with a third-party in order to offset its exposure on the variable and fixed components of the customer agreement. As the interest rate swap agreements with the customers and third parties are not designated as hedges under the Derivatives and Hedging topic of the FASB ASC, the instruments are marked to market in earnings. The notional amount of open interest rate swap agreements at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was \$226.8 million and \$215.6 million, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, a mark-to-market loss of \$6 thousand and \$2 thousand, respectively was recorded to other noninterest expense. There were no earnings impacts for the three or nine month periods ending September 30, 2014. The following table presents the fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Asset Derivatives				Liability Derivatives			
September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
(in thousands)							
Interest rate contracts	Other assets \$ 14,548	Other assets \$ 11,800		Other liabilities \$ 14,602		Other liabilities \$ 11,851	

The Company is party to interest rate contracts and repurchase agreements that are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements. Under these agreements, the Company may have the right to net settle multiple contracts with the same counterparty. The following tables show the gross interest rate swap agreements and repurchase agreements in the consolidated balance sheets and the respective collateral received or pledged in the form of other financial instruments, which are generally marketable securities. The collateral amounts in these tables are limited to the outstanding balances of the related asset or liability. Therefore, instances of overcollateralization are not shown.

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets/Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of Assets/Liabilities Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amount
(in thousands)					
September 30, 2015					
Assets					
Interest rate contracts	\$ 14,548	\$ —	\$ 14,548	\$ —	\$ 14,548
Liabilities					
Interest rate contracts	\$ 14,602	\$ —	\$ 14,602	\$(14,602)	\$ —
Repurchase agreements	\$ 73,182	\$ —	\$ 73,182	\$(73,182)	\$ —
December 31, 2014					
Assets					
Interest rate contracts	\$ 11,800	\$ —	\$ 11,800	\$ —	\$ 11,800
Liabilities					
Interest rate contracts	\$ 11,851	\$ —	\$ 11,851	\$(11,851)	\$ —
Repurchase agreements	\$ 105,080	\$ —	\$ 105,080	\$(105,080)	\$ —



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The following table presents the class of collateral pledged for repurchase agreements as well as the remaining contractual maturity of the repurchase agreements:

	Remaining contractual maturity of the agreements				Total
	Overnight and continuous (in thousands)	Up to 30 days	30 - 90 days	Greater than 90 days	
September 30, 2015					
Class of collateral pledged for repurchase agreements					
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$48,182	\$—	\$—	\$25,000	\$73,182
Gross amount of recognized liabilities for repurchase agreements					73,182
Amounts related to agreements not included in offsetting disclosure					\$—

The collateral utilized for the Company's repurchase agreements is subject to market fluctuations as well as prepayments of principal. The Company monitors the risk of the fair value of its pledged collateral falling below acceptable amounts based on the type of the underlying repurchase agreement. The pledged collateral related to the Company's term wholesale repurchase agreement, which matures in 2018, is monitored on a monthly basis and additional capital is pledged when necessary. The pledged collateral related to the Company's sweep repurchase agreements, which mature on a daily basis, is monitored on a daily basis as the underlying sweep accounts can have daily transaction activity and the amount of pledged collateral is adjusted as necessary.

#### 11. Shareholders' Equity

**Preferred Stock.** In conjunction with the 2013 acquisition of West Coast, the Company issued 8,782 shares of mandatorily convertible cumulative participating preferred stock, Series B ("Series B Preferred Stock"). The Series B Preferred Stock is not subject to the operation of a sinking fund. The Series B Preferred Stock is not redeemable by the Company and is perpetual with no maturity. The holders of Series B Preferred Stock have no general voting rights. If the Company declares and pays a dividend to its common shareholders, it must declare and pay to its holders of Series B Preferred Stock, on the same date, a dividend in an amount per share of the Series B Preferred Stock that is intended to provide such holders dividends in the amount they would have received if shares of Series B Preferred Stock had been converted into common stock as of that date. The outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock are convertible into 102,363 shares of Company common stock.

**Dividends.** On January 29, 2015, the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.16 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, and a special cash dividend of \$0.14 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, both payable on February 25, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 11, 2015.

On April 22, 2015, the Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, and a special cash dividend of \$0.16 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, both payable on May 20, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 6, 2015.

On July 23, 2015, the Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, and a special cash dividend of \$0.16 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, both payable on August 19, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 5, 2015.

Subsequent to quarter end, on October 29, 2015, the Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, and a special cash dividend of \$0.18 per common share and common share equivalent for holders of preferred stock, both payable on November 25, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 11, 2015.

The payment of cash dividends is subject to federal regulatory requirements for capital levels and other restrictions. In addition, the cash dividends paid by Columbia Bank to the Company are subject to both federal and state regulatory requirements.

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## 12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table shows changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available-for-Sale Securities (1) (in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Pension Plan Liability (1)	Total (1)
Three months ended September 30, 2015			
Beginning balance	\$4,819	\$(2,030)	\$2,789
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	10,126	—	10,126
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (2)	(151)	62	(89)
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	9,975	62	10,037
Ending balance	\$14,794	\$(1,968)	\$12,826
Three months ended September 30, 2014			
Beginning balance	\$5,448	\$(1,888)	\$3,560
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	(4,057)	—	(4,057)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (2)	(21)	23	2
Net current-period other comprehensive income	(4,078)	23	(4,055)
Ending balance	\$1,370	\$(1,865)	\$(495)
Nine months ended September 30, 2015			
Beginning balance	\$7,462	\$(1,841)	\$5,621
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	8,161	(280)	7,881
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (2)	(829)	153	(676)
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	7,332	(127)	7,205
Ending balance	\$14,794	\$(1,968)	\$12,826
Nine months ended September 30, 2014			
Beginning balance	\$(10,108)	\$(1,936)	\$(12,044)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	11,830	—	11,830
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (2)	(352)	71	(281)
Net current-period other comprehensive income	11,478	71	11,549
Ending balance	\$1,370	\$(1,865)	\$(495)

(1) All amounts are net of tax. Amounts in parenthesis indicate debits.

(2) See following table for details about these reclassifications.

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The following table shows details regarding the reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		Affected line Item in the Consolidated Statement of Income
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	(in thousands)				
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities					
Investment securities gains	\$236	\$33	\$1,300	\$552	Investment securities gains, net
	236	33	1,300	552	Total before tax
	(85 )	(12 )	(471 )	(200 )	Income tax provision
	\$151	\$21	\$829	\$352	Net of tax
Amortization of pension plan liability					
Actuarial losses	\$(97 )	\$(36 )	\$(240 )	\$(111 )	Compensation and employee benefits
	(97 )	(36 )	(240 )	(111 )	Total before tax
	35	13	87	40	Income tax benefit
	\$(62 )	\$(23 )	\$(153 )	\$(71 )	Net of tax

### 13. Fair Value Accounting and Measurement

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the FASB ASC defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements about fair value. We hold fixed and variable rate interest-bearing securities, investments in marketable equity securities and certain other financial instruments, which are carried at fair value. Fair value is determined based upon quoted prices when available or through the use of alternative approaches, such as matrix or model pricing, when market quotes are not readily accessible or available. The valuation techniques are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our own market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 – Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

Fair values are determined as follows:

Securities at fair value are priced using a combination of market activity, industry recognized information sources, yield curves, discounted cash flow models and other factors. These fair value calculations are considered a Level 2 input method under the provisions of the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the FASB ASC for all securities other than U.S. Treasury notes, which are considered a Level 1 input method.

Interest rate contract positions are valued in models, which use as their basis, readily observable market parameters and are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.



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The following table sets forth the Company's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 by level within the fair value hierarchy. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Fair value	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	(in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
September 30, 2015				
Assets				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-back securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$1,164,532	\$—	\$1,164,532	\$—
State and municipal debt securities	489,469	—	489,469	—
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	347,856	—	347,856	—
U.S. government securities	20,400	20,400	—	—
Other securities	5,167	—	5,167	—
Total securities available for sale	\$2,027,424	\$20,400	\$2,007,024	\$—
Other assets (Interest rate contracts)	\$14,548	\$—	\$14,548	\$—
Liabilities				
Other liabilities (Interest rate contracts)	\$14,602	\$—	\$14,602	\$—
December 31, 2014				
Assets				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-back securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$1,162,387	\$—	\$1,162,387	\$—
State and municipal debt securities	496,484	—	496,484	—
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise securities	413,706	—	413,706	—
U.S. government securities	20,499	20,499	—	—
Other securities	5,181	—	5,181	—
Total securities available for sale	\$2,098,257	\$20,499	\$2,077,758	\$—
Other assets (Interest rate contracts)	\$11,800	\$—	\$11,800	\$—
Liabilities				
Other liabilities (Interest rate contracts)	\$11,851	\$—	\$11,851	\$—

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The Company recognizes transfers between levels of the valuation hierarchy based on the valuation level at the end of the reporting period.



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## Nonrecurring Measurements

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis after initial recognition such as loans measured for impairment and OREO. The following methods were used to estimate the fair value of each such class of financial instrument:

**Impaired loans**—A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due (both interest and principal) according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, a loan's observable market price, or the fair market value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell if the loan is a collateral-dependent loan. Generally, the Company utilizes the fair market value of the collateral to measure impairment. The impairment evaluations are performed in conjunction with the ALLL process on a quarterly basis by officers in the Special Credits group, which reports to the Chief Credit Officer. The Real Estate Appraisal Services Department ("REASD"), which also reports to the Chief Credit Officer, is responsible for obtaining appraisals from third-parties or performing internal evaluations. If an appraisal is obtained from a third-party, the REASD reviews the appraisal to evaluate the adequacy of the appraisal report, including its scope, methods, accuracy, and reasonableness.

**Other real estate owned—OREO** is real property that the Bank has taken ownership of in partial or full satisfaction of a loan or loans. OREO is generally measured based on the property's fair market value as indicated by an appraisal or a letter of intent to purchase. OREO is initially recorded at the fair value less estimated costs to sell. This amount becomes the property's new basis. Any fair value adjustments based on the property's fair value less estimated costs to sell at the date of acquisition are charged to the ALLL, or in the event of a write-up without previous losses charged to the ALLL, a credit to earnings is recorded. Management periodically reviews OREO in an effort to ensure the property is recorded at its fair value, net of estimated costs to sell. Any fair value adjustments subsequent to acquisition are charged or credited to earnings. The initial and subsequent evaluations are performed by officers in the Special Credits group, which reports to the Chief Credit Officer. The REASD obtains appraisals from third-parties for OREO and performs internal evaluations. If an appraisal is obtained from a third-party, the REASD reviews the appraisal to evaluate the adequacy of the appraisal report, including its scope, methods, accuracy, and reasonableness. The following tables set forth information related to the Company's assets that were measured using fair value estimates on a nonrecurring basis during the current and prior year quarterly periods:

	Fair value at September 30, 2015  (in thousands)	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date			Losses During the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Losses During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3				
Impaired loans	\$350	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 350	\$ (1,012	)	\$ (1,012	)
OREO	3,286	—	—	3,286	(646	)	(662	)
	\$3,636	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,636	\$ (1,658	)	\$ (1,674	)
	Fair value at September 30, 2014  (in thousands)	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date			Gains (Losses) During the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014		Losses During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3				
Impaired loans	\$2,998	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,998	\$ 69		\$ (14	)
OREO (1)	2,950	—	—	2,950	(388	)	(388	)
	\$5,948	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,948	\$ (319	)	\$ (402	)

(1) Reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. The reclassification was limited to combining historically reported "Noncovered OREO" and "Covered OREO" into one line item for OREO.

The losses on impaired loans disclosed above represent the amount of the specific reserve and/or charge-offs during the period applicable to loans held at period end. The amount of the specific reserve is included in the allowance for loan and lease losses. The losses on OREO disclosed above represent the write-downs taken at foreclosure that were charged to the allowance for loan and lease losses, as well as subsequent changes in any valuation allowances from updated appraisals that were recorded to earnings.

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## Quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements

The range and weighted-average of the significant unobservable inputs used to fair value our Level 3 nonrecurring assets, along with the valuation techniques used, are shown in the following table:

	Fair value at September 30, 2015 (dollars in thousands)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average) (1)
Impaired loans	\$350	Fair Market Value of Collateral	Adjustment to Appraisal Value	N/A (2)
OREO	3,286	Fair Market Value of Collateral	Adjustment to Appraisal Value	N/A (2)

(1) Discount applied to appraisal value, letter of intent to purchase, or stated value (in the case of accounts receivable, inventory and equipment).

(2) Quantitative disclosures are not provided for impaired loans and OREO because there were no adjustments made to the appraisal value during the current period.

	Fair value at September 30, 2014 (dollars in thousands)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average) (1)
Impaired loans - real estate collateral	\$534	Fair Market Value of Collateral	Adjustment to Appraisal Value	N/A (2)
Impaired loans - other collateral (3)	2,464	Fair Market Value of Collateral	Adjustment to Stated value	0% - 71% (49%)
OREO	2,950	Fair Market Value of Collateral	Adjustment to Appraisal Value	N/A (2)

(1) Discount applied to appraisal value, letter of intent to purchase, or stated value (in the case of accounts receivable, inventory and equipment).

(2) Quantitative disclosures are not provided for impaired loans collateralized by real estate and OREO because there were no adjustments made to the appraisal value during the current period.

(3) Other collateral consists of accounts receivable, inventory and equipment.

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### Fair value of financial instruments

Because broadly traded markets do not exist for most of the Company's financial instruments, the fair value calculations attempt to incorporate the effect of current market conditions at a specific time. These determinations are subjective in nature, involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and do not include tax ramifications; therefore, the results cannot be determined with precision, substantiated by comparison to independent markets and may not be realized in an actual sale or immediate settlement of the instruments. There may be inherent weaknesses in any calculation technique, and changes in the underlying assumptions used, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows, could significantly affect the results. For all of these reasons, the aggregation of the fair value calculations presented herein do not represent, and should not be construed to represent, the underlying value of the Company.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Cash and due from banks and interest-earning deposits with banks—The fair value of financial instruments that are short-term or reprice frequently and that have little or no risk are considered to have a fair value that approximates carrying value (Level 1).

Securities available for sale—Securities at fair value, other than U.S. Treasury Notes, are priced using a combination of market activity, industry recognized information sources, yield curves, discounted cash flow models and other factors (Level 2). U.S. Treasury Notes are priced using quotes in active markets (Level 1).

Federal Home Loan Bank stock—The fair value is based upon the par value of the stock which equates to its carrying value (Level 2).

Loans held for sale—The carrying amount of loans held for sale approximates their fair values due to the short period of time between the origination and sale dates (Level 2).

Loans—Loans are not recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Nonrecurring fair value adjustments are periodically recorded on impaired loans that are measured for impairment based on the fair value of collateral. For most performing loans, fair value is estimated using expected duration and lending rates that would have been offered on September 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014, for loans which mirror the attributes of the loans with similar rate structures and average maturities. The fair values resulting from these calculations are reduced by an amount representing the change in estimated fair value attributable to changes in borrowers' credit quality since the loans were originated. For nonperforming loans, fair value is estimated by applying a valuation discount based upon loan sales data from the FDIC. For PCI loans, fair value is estimated by discounting the expected future cash flows using a lending rate that would have been offered on September 30, 2015 (Level 3).

FDIC loss-sharing asset —The fair value of the FDIC loss-sharing asset is estimated based on discounting the expected future cash flows using an estimated market rate (Level 3).

Interest rate contracts—Interest rate swap positions are valued in models, which use readily observable market parameters as their basis (Level 2).

Deposits—For deposits with no contractual maturity, the fair value is equal to the carrying value (Level 1). The fair value of fixed maturity deposits is based on discounted cash flows using the difference between the deposit rate and current market rates for deposits of similar remaining maturities (Level 2).

FHLB advances—The fair value of FHLB advances is estimated based on discounting the future cash flows using the market rate currently offered (Level 2).

Repurchase Agreements—The fair value of term repurchase agreements is estimated based on discounting the future cash flows using the market rate currently offered. The carrying amount of sweep repurchase agreements approximates their fair values due to the short period of time between repricing dates (Level 2).

Other Borrowings— Other borrowings are trust preferred obligations assumed by the Company in the Intermountain acquisition. The fair value is estimated as the carrying value as these obligations are redeemable and a market participant would expect redemption in the near-term (Level 2).

Other Financial Instruments—The majority of our commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit carry current market interest rates if converted to loans, as such, carrying value is assumed to equal fair value.



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The following tables summarize carrying amounts and estimated fair values of selected financial instruments as well as assumptions used by the Company in estimating fair value at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(in thousands)				
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 149,610	\$ 149,610	\$ 149,610	\$—	\$—
Interest-earning deposits with banks	22,578	22,578	22,578	—	—
Securities available for sale	2,027,424	2,027,424	20,400	2,007,024	—
FHLB stock	10,242	10,242	—	10,242	—
Loans held for sale	6,637	6,637	—	6,637	—
Loans	5,677,462	5,783,474	—	—	5,783,474
FDIC loss-sharing asset	8,146	2,140	—	—	2,140
Interest rate contracts	14,548	14,548	—	14,548	—
Liabilities					
Deposits	\$ 7,314,805	\$ 7,312,329	\$ 6,844,014	\$ 468,315	\$—
FHLB Advances	6,540	7,198	—	7,198	—
Repurchase agreements	73,182	74,046	—	74,046	—
Interest rate contracts	14,602	14,602	—	14,602	—
	December 31, 2014				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(in thousands)				
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 171,221	\$ 171,221	\$ 171,221	\$—	\$—
Interest-earning deposits with banks	16,949	16,949	16,949	—	—
Securities available for sale	2,098,257	2,098,257	20,499	2,077,758	—
FHLB stock	33,365	33,365	—	33,365	—
Loans held for sale	1,116	1,116	—	1,116	—
Loans	5,375,809	5,516,286	—	—	5,516,286
FDIC loss-sharing asset	15,174	4,054	—	—	4,054
Interest rate contracts	11,800	11,800	—	11,800	—
Liabilities					
Deposits	\$ 6,924,722	\$ 6,921,804	\$ 6,416,017	\$ 505,787	\$—
FHLB Advances	216,568	217,296	—	217,296	—
Repurchase agreements	105,080	106,171	—	106,171	—
Other borrowings	8,248	8,248	—	8,248	—
Interest rate contracts	11,851	11,851	—	11,851	—

**14. Earnings per Common Share**

The Company applies the two-class method of computing basic and diluted EPS. Under the two-class method, EPS is determined for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. The Company issues restricted shares under share-based compensation plans and preferred shares which qualify as participating securities.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2014		2014	
	(in thousands except per share)			
Basic EPS:				
Net income	\$25,780	\$21,583	\$72,087	\$62,654
Less: Earnings allocated to participating securities:				
Preferred Shares	45	42	127	121
Nonvested restricted shares	296	216	772	598
Earnings allocated to common shareholders	\$25,439	\$21,325	\$71,188	\$61,935
Weighted average common shares outstanding	57,051	52,112	57,007	51,772
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$1.25	\$1.20
Diluted EPS:				
Earnings allocated to common shareholders (1)	\$25,439	\$21,325	\$71,188	\$61,940
Weighted average common shares outstanding	57,051	52,112	57,007	51,772
Dilutive effect of equity awards	13	404	14	707
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	57,064	52,516	57,021	52,479
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$1.25	\$1.18
Potentially dilutive share options that were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because to do so would be anti-dilutive	29	58	40	67

(1) Earnings allocated to common shareholders for basic and diluted EPS may differ under the two-class method as a result of adding common stock equivalents for options and warrants to dilutive shares outstanding, which alters the ratio used to allocate earnings to common shareholders and participating securities for the purposes of calculating diluted EPS.

#### 15. Branch Sales

On August 23, 2014, Columbia completed a branch sale transaction to Sound Community Bancorp. In the transaction, Columbia sold three branches and related assets and deposit liabilities to Sound Community Bancorp. The transaction was completed with a transfer of \$22.2 million in deposits to Sound Community Bancorp in exchange for a deposit premium of 2.35%. Also included in the branch sale were \$1.1 million in loans and \$3.8 million in premises and equipment. The Company recognized a gain of \$565 thousand related to the deposit premium, which was recorded in the line item Other noninterest income in the Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, the Company recorded a \$50 thousand loss on the disposal of premises and equipment related to this transaction, which was recorded in the line item Other noninterest expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Columbia Banking System, Inc. (referred to in this report as "we", "our", "Columbia" and "the Company") and notes thereto presented elsewhere in this report and with the December 31, 2014 audited consolidated financial statements and its accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the following discussion, unless otherwise noted, references to increases or decreases in average balances in items of income and expense for a particular period and balances at a particular date refer to the comparison with corresponding amounts for the period or date one year earlier.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions that are not historical facts, and statements identified by words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "should," "projects," "seeks," "estimates" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases of a future or forward-looking nature. These forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs and expectations of management and are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions with respect to future business strategies and decisions that are subject to change. In addition to the factors set forth in the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this report and the factors set forth in the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Form 10-K, the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements:

- local and national economic conditions could be less favorable than expected or could have a more direct and pronounced effect on us than expected and adversely affect our ability to continue internal growth and maintain the quality of our earning assets;
- the risks presented by the economy, which could adversely affect credit quality, collateral values, including real estate collateral, investment values, liquidity and loan originations and loan portfolio delinquency rates;
- the efficiencies and enhanced financial and operating performance we expect to realize from investments in personnel, acquisitions and infrastructure may not be realized;
- the ability to complete future acquisitions and to successfully integrate acquired entities;
- interest rate changes could significantly reduce net interest income and negatively affect funding sources;
- projected business increases following strategic expansion or opening of new branches could be lower than expected;
- the impact of acquired loans on our earnings;
- changes in accounting principles, policies, and guidelines applicable to bank holding companies and banking;
- changes in laws and regulations affecting our businesses, including changes in the enforcement and interpretation of such laws and regulations by applicable governmental and regulatory agencies;
- competition among financial institutions could increase significantly;
- continued consolidation in the Pacific Northwest financial services industry resulting in the creation of larger financial institutions that may have greater resources could change the competitive landscape;
- the goodwill we have recorded in connection with acquisitions could become impaired, which may have an adverse impact on our earnings and capital;
- the reputation of the financial services industry could deteriorate, which could adversely affect our ability to access markets for funding and to acquire and retain customers;
- our ability to identify and address cyber-security risks, including security breaches, "denial of service attacks," "hacking" and identity theft;
- any material failure or interruption of our information and communications systems or inability to keep pace with technological changes;
- our ability to effectively manage credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, operational risk, legal risk, liquidity risk and regulatory and compliance risk;



the effect of geopolitical instability, including wars, conflicts and terrorist attacks;  
our profitability measures could be adversely affected if we are unable to effectively manage our capital; and  
the effects of any damage to our reputation resulting from developments related to any of the items identified above.  
You should take into account that forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. Given the described uncertainties and risks, we cannot guarantee our future performance or results of operations and you should not place undue

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reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required under federal securities laws.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management has identified the accounting policies related to the ALLL, business combinations, PCI loans, FDIC loss-sharing asset and the valuation and recoverability of goodwill as critical to an understanding of our financial statements. These policies and related estimates are discussed in “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” under the headings “Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses”, “Business Combinations”, “Purchased Credit Impaired Loans”, “FDIC Loss-sharing Asset” and “Valuation and Recoverability of Goodwill” in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have not been any material changes in our critical accounting policies as compared to those disclosed in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Our results of operations are dependent to a large degree on our net interest income. We also generate noninterest income through service charges and fees, merchant services fees, and bank owned life insurance. Our operating expenses consist primarily of compensation and employee benefits, occupancy, merchant card processing, data processing and legal and professional fees. Like most financial institutions, our interest income and cost of funds are affected significantly by general economic conditions, particularly changes in market interest rates, and by government policies and actions of regulatory authorities.

On November 1, 2014, the Company completed its acquisition of Intermountain. The Company acquired approximately \$964.4 million in assets, including \$502.6 million in loans measured at fair value, and approximately \$736.8 million in deposits. Due to the timing of this acquisition, our results of operations for the nine month period ended September 30, 2015 include the acquisition for the entire period, however the prior year period does not include the acquisition. See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)” of this report for further information regarding this acquisition.

#### Earnings Summary

The Company reported net income for the third quarter of \$25.8 million or \$0.45 per diluted common share, compared to \$21.6 million or \$0.41 per diluted common share for the third quarter of 2014. The increase in net income for the current quarter compared to the prior year period was due to a combination of higher net interest income and noninterest income, partially offset by higher noninterest expense. These fluctuations were primarily due to the timing of the acquisition of Intermountain, as noted above.

#### Comparison of current quarter to prior year period

Revenue (net interest income plus noninterest income) for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$104.2 million, 13% higher than the same period in 2014. The increase in revenue was a result of higher net interest income arising not only from the loans and securities acquired in the Intermountain transaction but also organic loan growth. Also contributing to the increase in revenue was higher noninterest income due to both a decrease in the expense recorded for the change in the FDIC loss-sharing asset as well as an increase in service charges and other fees. For a more complete discussion of these topics, please refer to the net interest income and noninterest income sections contained in the ensuing pages.

The provision for loan and lease losses for the third quarter of 2015 was \$2.8 million compared to a provision of \$980 thousand during the third quarter of 2014. The provision recorded in the third quarter of 2015 was due to the recording of a \$3.3 million provision on loans, excluding PCI loans, partially offset by provision recapture of \$519 thousand related to PCI loans. For a more complete discussion of this topic, please refer to the provision for loan and lease losses section contained in the ensuing pages.

Total noninterest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 was \$64.1 million, up from \$60.0 million for the third quarter of 2014. The increase from the prior-year period was primarily due to additional noninterest expense stemming from the growth resulting from the Intermountain acquisition, partially offset by lower acquisition-related expenses recorded during the third quarter of 2015. For a more complete discussion of this topic, please refer to the noninterest expense section contained in the ensuing pages.



	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		September 30, 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		September 30, 2014	
	(in thousands)							
Incremental accretion income on FDIC purchased credit impaired loans	\$2,082		\$4,205		\$6,896		\$16,428	
Incremental accretion income on other FDIC acquired loans	34		175		166		474	
Recapture (provision) for losses on purchased credit impaired loans	519		520		(2,566)		(3,419)	
Change in FDIC loss-sharing asset (1)	(1,635)		(4,816)		(2,979)		(14,685)	
FDIC clawback liability recovery (expense)	(174)		(201)		(167)		(302)	
Pre-tax earnings impact of FDIC acquired loan portfolios	\$826		\$(117)		\$1,350		\$(1,504)	

Net interest income for the third quarter of 2015 was \$81.7 million, an increase of 7% from \$76.2 million for the same quarter in 2014. The increase in net interest income was due to interest income earned from a larger volume of earning assets. Growth in earning assets was driven not only by loans and securities acquired in the Intermountain transaction but also by loans originated for investment. Net interest income was higher in the current period despite lower incremental accretion income from acquired loans and lower interest income on taxable securities. As shown in the table below, incremental accretion income continued to decline which was reflective of the decreasing balance of certain acquired loan portfolios. Interest income on taxable securities was lower in the current period due to the

previously disclosed \$2.6 million adjustment recorded in the prior year period. For additional information on the Company's accounting policies related to recording interest income on loans and

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the adjustment recorded during 2014, please refer to “Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company’s net interest margin (tax equivalent) decreased to 4.37% in the third quarter of 2015, from 4.85% for the same quarter last year. This decrease was due to lower incremental accretion income on acquired loan portfolios. The Company’s operating net interest margin (tax equivalent)<sup>(1)</sup> decreased to 4.18% from 4.22% due to lower rates on loans and securities.

Comparison of current year-to-date to prior year period

Net interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$243.1 million, an increase of 8% from \$225.3 million for the same period in 2014. The increase in net interest income was due to higher average loan and securities balances during the current year as a result of the acquisition of Intermountain and organic growth in the loan portfolio. The Company’s net interest margin (tax equivalent) decreased to 4.39% for the first nine months of 2015, from 4.86% for the prior year period. The decrease in the Company’s net interest margin (tax equivalent) was primarily due to lower accretion income on the acquired loan portfolios. As shown in the table below, the Company recorded \$21.2 million in total incremental accretion during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, a decrease of \$11.9 million from the prior year period. The Company’s operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) (1) for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 decreased modestly to 4.18% from 4.23% due to lower rates on loans and securities.

The following table shows the impact to interest income of incremental accretion income as well as the net interest margin and operating net interest margin for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
Incremental accretion income due to:								
FDIC purchased credit impaired loans	\$2,082		\$4,205		\$6,896		\$16,428	
Other FDIC acquired loans	34		175		166		474	
Other acquired loans	4,293		5,040		14,116		16,136	
Incremental accretion income	\$6,409		\$9,420		\$21,178		\$33,038	
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)	4.37	%	4.85	%	4.39	%	4.86	%
Operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) (1)	4.18	%	4.22	%	4.18	%	4.23	%

(1) Operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) is a non-GAAP measurement. See Non-GAAP measures section of Item 2, Management’s Discussion and Analysis.

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The following tables set forth the average balances of all major categories of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income on interest-earning assets and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, the average yield earned on interest-earning assets and average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities by category and, in total, net interest income and net interest margin:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015				Three Months Ended September 30, 2014			
	Average Balances	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Rate		Average Balances	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Rate	
(dollars in thousands)								
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Loans, net (1)(2)(4)	\$5,712,614	\$73,231	5.13	%	\$4,770,443	\$66,421	5.57	%
Taxable securities (3)	1,498,211	7,472	1.99	%	1,224,608	8,545	2.79	%
Tax exempt securities (4)	446,963	4,491	4.02	%	361,388	4,118	4.56	%
Interest-earning deposits with banks	53,743	31	0.23	%	95,221	61	0.26	%
Total interest-earning assets	7,711,531	\$85,225	4.42	%	6,451,660	\$79,145	4.91	%
Other earning assets	149,895				131,887			
Noninterest-earning assets	811,266				753,759			
Total assets	\$8,672,692				\$7,337,306			
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>								
Certificates of deposit	\$480,132	\$213	0.18	%	\$460,985	\$288	0.25	%
Savings accounts	643,672	17	0.01	%	539,982	15	0.01	%
Interest-bearing demand	916,388	158	0.07	%	1,201,154	117	0.04	%
Money market accounts	1,870,503	368	0.08	%	1,645,609	293	0.07	%
Total interest-bearing deposits	3,910,695	756	0.08	%	3,847,730	713	0.07	%
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	13,968	78	2.23	%	16,503	80	1.95	%
Other borrowings	82,535	137	0.66	%	25,000	120	1.92	%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	4,007,198	\$971	0.10	%	3,889,233	\$913	0.09	%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	3,323,168				2,263,079			
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	102,496				85,482			
Shareholders' equity	1,239,830				1,099,512			
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$8,672,692				\$7,337,306			
Net interest income (tax equivalent)		\$84,254				\$78,232		
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)			4.37	%			4.85	%

(1) Adjusted to conform to the current period presentation. The adjustment was limited to including amounts historically disclosed as "Covered loans" in "Loans, net."

Nonaccrual loans have been included in the tables as loans carrying a zero yield. Amortized net deferred loan fees and net unearned discounts on certain acquired loans were included in the interest income calculations. The

(2) amortization of net deferred loan fees was \$1.2 million for both three month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The incremental accretion income on acquired loans was \$6.4 million and \$9.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

(3) During the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company recorded a \$2.6 million reversal of premium amortization, which increased interest income on taxable securities.

Tax-exempt income is calculated on a tax equivalent basis. The tax equivalent yield adjustment to interest earned on loans was \$989 thousand and \$518 thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The tax equivalent yield adjustment to interest earned on tax exempt securities was \$1.6 million and \$1.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.





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The following tables set forth the average balances of all major categories of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income on interest-earning assets and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, the average yield earned on interest-earning assets and average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities by category and, in total, net interest income and net interest margin:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014			
	Average Balances (dollars in thousands)	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Rate		Average Balances	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Rate	
ASSETS								
Loans, net (1)(2)(4)	\$5,557,771	\$ 217,128	5.21	%	\$4,652,157	\$ 199,747	5.72	%
Taxable securities (3)	1,541,018	22,258	1.93	%	1,278,295	21,679	2.26	%
Tax exempt securities (4)	455,509	13,802	4.04	%	359,471	12,419	4.61	%
Interest-earning deposits with banks	46,656	84	0.24	%	55,986	105	0.25	%
Total interest-earning assets	7,600,954	\$ 253,272	4.44	%	6,345,909	\$ 233,950	4.92	%
Other earning assets	148,189				129,819			
Noninterest-earning assets	821,682				761,731			
Total assets	\$8,570,825				\$7,237,459			
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY								
Certificates of deposit	\$490,720	\$ 689	0.19	%	\$481,370	\$ 975	0.27	%
Savings accounts	631,979	53	0.01	%	527,183	42	0.01	%
Interest-bearing demand	1,003,544	451	0.06	%	1,185,831	340	0.04	%
Money market accounts	1,813,282	1,051	0.08	%	1,615,162	837	0.07	%
Total interest-bearing deposits	3,939,525	2,244	0.08	%	3,809,546	2,194	0.08	%
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	88,121	391	0.59	%	51,634	309	0.80	%
Other borrowings	92,169	419	0.61	%	25,000	358	1.91	%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	4,119,815	\$ 3,054	0.10	%	3,886,180	\$ 2,861	0.10	%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	3,108,293				2,185,062			
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	99,864				82,168			
Shareholders' equity	1,242,853				1,084,049			
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$8,570,825				\$7,237,459			
Net interest income (tax equivalent)		\$ 250,218				\$ 231,089		
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)			4.39	%			4.86	%

(1) Adjusted to conform to the current period presentation. The adjustment was limited to including amounts historically disclosed as "Covered loans" in "Loans, net."

(2) Nonaccrual loans have been included in the tables as loans carrying a zero yield. Amortized net deferred loan fees and net unearned discounts on certain acquired loans were included in the interest income calculations. The amortization of net deferred loan fees was \$3.8 million and \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The incremental accretion income on acquired loans was \$21.2 million and \$33.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

(3) During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company recorded a \$2.6 million reversal of premium amortization, which increased interest income on taxable securities.

(4) Tax-exempt income is calculated on a tax equivalent basis. The tax equivalent yield adjustment to interest earned on loans was \$2.3 million and \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The tax equivalent yield adjustment to interest earned on tax exempt securities was \$4.8 million and \$4.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.



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The following table sets forth the total dollar amount of change in interest income and interest expense. The changes have been segregated for each major category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities into amounts attributable to changes in volume and changes in rates. Changes attributable to the combined effect of volume and interest rates have been allocated proportionately to the changes due to volume and the changes due to interest rates:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to 2014		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to		Total
	Volume	Rate	
	(in thousands)		
Interest Income			
Loans, net	\$12,376	\$(5,566	) \$6,810
Taxable securities	1,670	(2,743	) (1,073 )
Tax exempt securities	898	(525	) 373
Interest earning deposits with banks	(25	) (5	) (30 )
Interest income	\$14,919	\$(8,839	) \$6,080
Interest Expense			
Deposits:			
Certificates of deposit	\$12	\$(87	) \$(75 )
Savings accounts	3	(1	) 2
Interest-bearing demand	(33	) 74	41
Money market accounts	43	32	75
Total interest on deposits	25	18	43
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(13	) 11	(2 )
Other borrowings	24	(7	) 17
Interest expense	\$36	\$22	\$58

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to 2014		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to		Total
	Volume	Rate	
	(in thousands)		
Interest Income			
Loans, net	\$36,489	\$(19,108)	) \$17,381
Taxable securities	4,072	(3,493)	) 579
Tax exempt securities	3,038	(1,655)	) 1,383
Interest earning deposits with banks	(17)	) (4)	) (21)
Interest income	\$43,582	\$(24,260)	) \$19,322
Interest Expense			
Deposits:			
Certificates of deposit	\$19	\$(305)	) \$(286)
Savings accounts	9	2	11
Interest-bearing demand	(59)	) 170	111
Money market accounts	108	106	214
Total interest on deposits	77	(27)	) 50
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	178	(96)	) 82
Other borrowings	82	(21)	) 61
Interest expense	\$337	\$(144)	) \$193

## Provision for Loan and Lease Losses

## Comparison of current quarter to prior year period

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company recorded a \$2.8 million provision expense compared with a provision expense of \$1.0 million during the third quarter of 2014. The \$2.8 million net provision for loan and lease losses recorded during the current quarter was driven by loans, excluding PCI loans, for which Columbia recorded a provision of \$3.3 million, partially offset by provision recapture of \$519 thousand related to PCI loans. The \$2.3 million provision related to loans, excluding PCI loans, was due to organic loan growth, charge-off activity during the current quarter and higher loss rates in the substandard category. The provision recapture recorded relating to PCI loans was due to the increase in the present value of expected future cash flows as remeasured during the current quarter, compared to the present value of expected future cash flows measured during the second quarter of 2015. The amount of provision was calculated in accordance with the Company's methodology for determining the ALLL, discussed in Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.

## Comparison of current year-to-date to prior year period

The provision for loan and lease losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$6.2 million compared with provision expense of \$5.0 million during the same period in 2014. The \$6.2 million provision expense for loans recorded for the current year-to-date period included a provision of \$3.6 million for loans, excluding PCI loans and a provision of \$2.6 million related to PCI loans. The provision of \$3.6 million related to loans, excluding PCI loans, was due to the combination of loan growth and net loan charge-offs experienced in the period. The \$2.6 million in provision expense for PCI loans was primarily due to the decrease in the present value of expected future cash flows as remeasured during the current period, compared to the present value of expected future cash flows at the end of 2014, net of activity during the period. The amount of provision was calculated in accordance with the Company's methodology for determining the ALLL, discussed in Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.



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## Noninterest Income

The following table presents the significant components of noninterest income and the related dollar and percentage change from period to period:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change		
	(dollars in thousands)									
Service charges and other fees	\$ 15,893	\$ 14,254	\$ 1,639	11	%	\$ 46,636	\$ 40,980	\$ 5,656	14	%
Merchant services fees	2,422	2,104	318	15	%	6,802	6,014	788	13	%
Bank owned life insurance	1,086	956	130	14	%	3,370	2,897	473	16	%
Other	4,497	3,399	1,098	32	%	11,599	8,807	2,792	32	%
Subtotal	23,898	20,713	3,185	15	%	68,407	58,698	9,709	17	%
Investment securities gains, net	236	33	203	615	%	1,300	552	748	136	%
Change in FDIC loss-sharing asset	(1,635 )	(4,816 )	3,181	(66 )	%	(2,979 )	(14,685 )	11,706	(80 )	%
Total noninterest income	\$ 22,499	\$ 15,930	\$ 6,569	41	%	\$ 66,728	\$ 44,565	\$ 22,163	50	%

## Comparison of current quarter to prior year period

Noninterest income was \$22.5 million for the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$15.9 million for the same period in 2014. The increase was primarily due to lower expense recorded for the change in FDIC loss-sharing asset, which was \$3.2 million less in the current quarter. Also contributing to the increase was an additional \$1.6 million in revenue earned from service charges and other fees which reflected the larger customer base established in the Intermountain acquisition. Finally, other noninterest income was up \$1.1 million from a combination of revenue from a larger customer base and \$550 thousand in additional loan sale gains.

The change in FDIC loss-sharing asset has been a significant component of noninterest income. Changes in the asset are primarily driven by amortization of the asset, the provision recorded for reimbursable losses on covered loans and write-downs of covered other real estate owned ("OREO"). For the third quarter of 2015, the change in the asset was primarily driven by \$1.4 million of amortization of the asset. The decline in amortization recorded in the current quarter was due to the recent expiration of our two most significant FDIC loss-sharing agreements. For the same period in 2014, there was \$4.0 million of amortization of the asset, \$416 thousand related to the provision recapture recorded on covered loans and sales of OREO of \$383 thousand. For additional information on the FDIC loss-sharing asset, please see the "FDIC Loss-sharing Asset" section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.

## Comparison of current year-to-date to prior year period

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, noninterest income was \$66.7 million compared to \$44.6 million for the same period in 2014. The increase was primarily due to lower expense recorded for the change in FDIC loss-sharing asset, which was \$11.7 million less in the current period compared to the prior year period. The increase was also driven by an increase of \$5.7 million in service charges and other fees due to the increased customer base from the Intermountain acquisition and an increase of \$2.8 million in other noninterest income due to both higher gains on sales of loans and increased loan prepayment fees in the current year.

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## Noninterest Expense

The following table presents the significant components of noninterest expense and the related dollar and percentage change from period to period:

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2015	2014 (1)	\$ Change	% Change		2015	2014 (1)	\$ Change	% Change	
	(dollars in thousands)									
Compensation and employee benefits	\$35,175	\$32,559	\$2,616	8	%	\$112,721	\$94,961	\$17,760	19	%
All other noninterest expense:										
Occupancy	8,101	7,445	656	9	%	24,781	24,276	505	2	%
Merchant processing	1,090	1,080	10	1	%	3,146	3,058	88	3	%
Advertising and promotion	1,354	1,027	327	32	%	3,480	2,746	734	27	%
Data processing and communications	3,796	4,269	(473)	(11)	%)	13,022	11,469	1,553	14	%
Legal and professional services	2,173	2,905	(732)	(25)	%)	7,527	7,377	150	2	%
Taxes, license and fees	1,344	1,156	188	16	%	4,003	3,387	616	18	%
Regulatory premiums	1,084	1,195	(111)	(9)	%)	3,626	3,444	182	5	%
Net cost (benefit) of operation of other real estate owned (1)	240	(1,256)	1,496	(119)	%)	(1,569)	(1,207)	(362)	30	%
Amortization of intangibles	1,695	1,456	239	16	%	5,230	4,516	714	16	%
Other	8,015	8,146	(131)	(2)	%)	23,305	21,105	2,200	10	%
Total all other noninterest expense	28,892	27,423	1,469	5	%	86,551	80,171	6,380	8	%
Total noninterest expense	\$64,067	\$59,982	\$4,085	7	%	\$199,272	\$175,132	\$24,140	14	%

(1) Reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. The reclassification was limited to removing the separate line item for "Net benefit of operation of covered other real estate owned" and including the prior period activity in the line item for net cost (benefit) of operation of other real estate owned.

The following table shows the impact of the acquisition-related expenses for the periods indicated to the various components of noninterest expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands)			
Acquisition-related expenses:				
Compensation and employee benefits	\$—	\$73	\$3,373	\$727
Occupancy	181	10	1,484	696
Advertising and promotion	40	27	383	27
Data processing and communications	42	684	1,780	684
Legal and professional fees	71	510	1,095	723
Other	94	1,934	930	2,019
	\$428	\$3,238	\$9,045	\$4,876

Total impact of acquisition-related costs to noninterest expense  
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(1) Of the \$9.0 million in acquisition-related expenses recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, \$9.0 million related to the recent acquisition of Intermountain and \$72 thousand related to the acquisition of West Coast Bancorp (“West Coast”). Of the \$4.9 million acquisition-related expenses recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, \$459 thousand related to the acquisition of Intermountain and \$4.4 million related to the acquisition of West Coast.



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## Comparison of current quarter to prior year period

Total noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2015 was \$64.1 million, an increase of \$4.1 million, or 7% from a year earlier. The increase from the prior year period was due to additional noninterest expense stemming from the growth resulting from the Intermountain acquisition. Also contributing to the increase was an increase in net cost of other real estate owned. These increases were partially offset by lower acquisition-related expenses, which were \$428 thousand during the current quarter compared to \$3.2 million for the prior year period.

## Comparison of current year-to-date to prior year period

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, noninterest expense was \$199.3 million, an increase of \$24.1 million, or 14% from \$175.1 million a year earlier. The increase from the prior-year period was due to additional ongoing noninterest expense stemming from the growth resulting from the Intermountain acquisition. Also contributing to the increase from the prior year period were acquisition-related expenses, which were \$9.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to \$4.9 million for the prior year period.

The following table presents selected items included in Other noninterest expense and the associated change from period to period:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014 (in thousands)		Increase (Decrease) Amount	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014		Increase (Decrease) Amount
Postage	\$626	\$533	\$93	\$2,042	\$2,355	\$(313 )
Software support & maintenance	699	550	149	2,570	1,556	1,014
Supplies	322	289	33	1,044	1,045	(1 )
Insurance	474	403	71	1,500	1,203	297
ATM Network	338	207	131	1,144	675	469
Travel	668	534	134	2,166	1,483	683
Employee expenses	246	242	4	903	790	113
Sponsorships and charitable contributions	573	434	139	1,568	1,555	13
Directors fees	206	183	23	661	514	147
Federal Reserve Bank processing fees	173	169	4	501	305	196
Investments in affordable housing projects expense	—	271	(271 )	—	800	(800 )
Investor relations	41	38	3	311	216	95
Other personal property owned	(11 )	9	(20 )	(5 )	(135 )	130
FDIC clawback expense	174	201	(27 )	167	302	(135 )
Miscellaneous	3,486	4,083	(597 )	8,733	8,441	292
Total other noninterest expense	\$8,015	\$8,146	\$(131 )	\$23,305	\$21,105	\$2,200

## Comparison of current quarter to prior year period

Other noninterest expense decreased \$131 thousand due to lower acquisition-related expenses during the current quarter and lower expense related to investments in affordable housing projects, partially offset by general increases stemming from the acquisition of Intermountain. Acquisition-related expenses recorded to other noninterest expense during the third quarter of 2015 were \$94 thousand compared to \$1.9 million for the prior year period. This decrease was partially offset by higher fraud losses in the current quarter of \$834 thousand compared to \$266 thousand for the prior year period, included in miscellaneous other noninterest expense. The decrease in expense related to investments in affordable housing projects was due to the adoption of ASU 2014-01 Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects. The expense related to investments in affordable housing projects is now recorded to provision for income taxes in the consolidated statements of income. For additional information, see Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.



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## Comparison of current year-to-date to prior year period

Other noninterest expense increased \$2.2 million due to additional ongoing noninterest expense stemming from the growth resulting from the Intermountain acquisition, partially offset by lower acquisition-related expenses and expense related to investments in affordable housing projects related to the adoption of ASU 2014-01 discussed above. Acquisition-related expenses recorded to other noninterest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$930 thousand compared to \$2.0 million for the prior year period.

## FDIC Acquired Loan Accounting

Net income was positively affected by the pre-tax earnings impact of the FDIC acquired loan portfolios for the current quarter and year-to-date periods, but was negatively affected by the pre-tax earnings impact of the FDIC acquired loan portfolios during the prior year periods. The negative effect of the FDIC acquired loan portfolios in the prior year period was primarily due to greater amortization of the FDIC loss-sharing asset recorded in the prior year period. With the recent expiration of our two largest FDIC loss-sharing agreements, the amortization of the FDIC loss-sharing asset has declined.

While the significance of the FDIC acquired loan accounting has diminished over time, the following table illustrates the impact to earnings associated with the Company's FDIC acquired loan portfolios for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014	
	(in thousands)			
Incremental accretion income on FDIC purchased credit impaired loans	\$2,082	\$4,205	\$6,896	\$16,428
Incremental accretion income on other FDIC acquired loans	34	175	166	474
Recapture (provision) for losses on purchased credit impaired loans	519	520	(2,566 )	(3,419 )
Change in FDIC loss-sharing asset (1)	(1,635 )	(4,816 )	(2,979 )	(14,685 )
FDIC clawback liability recovery (expense)	(174 )	(201 )	(167 )	(302 )
Pre-tax earnings impact of FDIC acquired loan portfolios	\$826	\$(117 )	\$1,350	\$(1,504 )

(1) For additional information on the FDIC loss-sharing asset, please see the "FDIC Loss-sharing Asset" section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.

## Income Taxes

We recorded an income tax provision of \$11.5 million for the third quarter of 2015, compared to a provision of \$9.6 million for the same period in 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we recorded an income tax provision of \$32.2 million and \$27.0 million, respectively, with an effective tax rate of 31% and 30%, respectively. Our effective tax rate remains lower than the statutory tax rate due to the amount of tax-exempt municipal securities held in the investment portfolio and tax-exempt earnings on bank owned life insurance. For additional information, please refer to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets were \$8.76 billion as of September 30, 2015, an increase of \$177.1 million from \$8.58 billion at December 31, 2014. The increase was due to increases in loans and securities available for sale. The increase in loans was due to significant originations during the year. Total liabilities were \$7.50 billion as of September 30, 2015, an increase of \$151.2 million from \$7.35 billion at December 31, 2014. The increase was primarily due to an increase in deposits, partially offset by decreases in Federal Home Loan Bank advances and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.

## Investment Securities

At September 30, 2015, the Company held investment securities totaling \$2.03 billion compared to \$2.10 billion at December 31, 2014. All of our securities are classified as available for sale and carried at fair value. The decrease in

the investment securities portfolio from year-end is due to \$285.8 million in principal payments, maturities and sales and \$15.3 million in premium amortization, partially offset by \$218.7 million in purchases and a \$11.5 million increase in the net

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unrealized gain of securities in the portfolio. The average duration of our investment portfolio was approximately 3 years and 9 months at September 30, 2015. This duration takes into account calls, where appropriate, and consensus prepayment speeds.

The investment securities are used by the Company as a component of its balance sheet management strategies. From time-to-time, securities may be sold to reposition the portfolio in response to strategies developed by the Company's asset liability committee. In accordance with our investment strategy, management monitors market conditions with a view to realize gains on its available for sale securities portfolio when prudent.

The Company performs a quarterly assessment of the debt and equity securities in its investment portfolio that have an unrealized loss to determine whether the decline in the fair value of these securities below their amortized cost basis is other-than-temporary. Impairment is considered other-than-temporary when it becomes probable that the Company will be unable to recover the entire amortized cost basis of its investment. The Company's impairment assessment takes into consideration factors such as the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, defaults or deferrals of scheduled interest or principal, external credit ratings and recent downgrades, internal assessment of credit quality, and whether the Company intends to sell the security and whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security prior to recovery of its amortized cost basis. If a decline in fair value is judged to be other-than-temporary, the cost basis of the individual security is written down to fair value which then becomes the new cost basis. The new cost basis is not adjusted for subsequent recoveries in fair value.

When there are credit losses associated with an impaired debt security and the Company does not have the intent to sell the security and it is more likely than not that it will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, the Company will separate the amount of the impairment into the amount that is credit-related and the amount related to non-credit factors. The credit-related impairment is recognized in earnings and the non-credit-related impairment is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income.

At September 30, 2015, the market value of securities available for sale had a net unrealized gain of \$22.7 million compared to a net unrealized gain of \$11.2 million at December 31, 2014. The change in valuation was the result of fluctuations in market interest rates subsequent to purchase. At September 30, 2015, the Company had \$464.1 million of investment securities with gross unrealized losses of \$6.4 million; however, we did not consider these investment securities to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

The following table sets forth our securities portfolio by type for the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(in thousands)	
Securities Available for Sale		
U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	\$1,164,532	\$1,162,387
State and municipal securities	489,469	496,484
U.S. government and government-sponsored enterprise securities	347,856	413,706
U.S. government securities	20,400	20,499
Other securities	5,167	5,181
Total	\$2,027,424	\$2,098,257

For further information on our investment portfolio, see Note 4 of the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.

**Credit Risk Management**

The extension of credit in the form of loans or other credit substitutes to individuals and businesses is one of our principal commerce activities. Our policies, applicable laws, and regulations require risk analysis as well as ongoing portfolio and credit management. We manage our credit risk through lending limit constraints, credit review, approval policies, and extensive, ongoing internal monitoring. We also manage credit risk through diversification of the loan portfolio by type of loan, type of industry and type of borrower and by limiting the aggregation of debt to a single borrower.

In analyzing our existing portfolio, we review our consumer and residential loan portfolios by their performance as a pool of loans, since no single loan is individually significant or judged by its risk rating, size or potential risk of loss.

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monitoring process for the commercial business, real estate construction, and commercial real estate portfolios includes periodic reviews of individual loans with risk ratings assigned to each loan and performance judged on a loan-by-loan basis.

We review these loans to assess the ability of our borrowers to service all interest and principal obligations and, as a result, the risk rating may be adjusted accordingly. In the event that full collection of principal and interest is not reasonably assured, the loan is appropriately downgraded and, if warranted, placed on nonaccrual status even though the loan may be current as to principal and interest payments. Additionally, we assess whether an impairment of a loan warrants specific reserves or a write-down of the loan. For additional discussion on our methodology in managing credit risk within our loan portfolio, see the following: “Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses” section in this Management’s Discussion and Analysis and Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of the Company’s 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Loan policies, credit quality criteria, portfolio guidelines and other controls are established under the guidance of our Chief Credit Officer and approved, as appropriate, by the board of directors. Credit Administration, together with the management loan committee, has the responsibility for administering the credit approval process. As another part of its control process, we use an internal credit review and examination function to provide reasonable assurance that loans and commitments are made and maintained as prescribed by our credit policies. This includes a review of documentation when the loan is initially extended and subsequent examination to ensure continued performance and proper risk assessment.

Loan Portfolio Analysis

Our wholly owned banking subsidiary Columbia State Bank (“Columbia Bank” or the “Bank”) is a full service commercial bank, which originates a wide variety of loans, and focuses its lending efforts on originating commercial business and commercial real estate loans.

The following table sets forth the Company’s loan portfolio by type of loan for the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015	% of Total		December 31, 2014	% of Total	
	(dollars in thousands)					
Commercial business	\$2,354,731	41.0	%	\$2,119,565	38.9	%
Real estate:						
One-to-four family residential	177,108	3.1	%	175,571	3.2	%
Commercial and multifamily residential	2,449,847	42.6	%	2,363,541	43.5	%
Total real estate	2,626,955	45.7	%	2,539,112	46.7	%
Real estate construction:						
One-to-four family residential	136,783	2.4	%	116,866	2.1	%
Commercial and multifamily residential	134,097	2.3	%	134,443	2.5	%
Total real estate construction	270,880	4.7	%	251,309	4.6	%
Consumer	348,315	6.1	%	364,182	6.7	%
Purchased credit impaired	191,066	3.3	%	230,584	4.2	%
Subtotal	5,791,947	100.8	%	5,504,752	101.1	%
Less: Net unearned income	(45,436)	(0.8)	)%	(59,374)	(1.1)	)%
Loans, net of unearned income (before Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses)	\$5,746,511	100.0	%	\$5,445,378	100.0	%
Loans held for sale	\$6,637			\$1,116		

Total loans increased \$301.1 million from year-end 2014 due to significant originations during the year. The loan portfolio continues to be diversified, with the intent to mitigate risk by minimizing concentration in any one segment. The \$45.4 million in unearned income recorded at September 30, 2015 was comprised of \$36.0 million in discount on acquired loans and \$9.4 million in deferred loan fees. The \$59.4 million in unearned income recorded at December 31, 2014 consisted of \$50.8 million in discount on acquired loans and \$8.6 million in deferred loan fees.





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The following table provides additional detail related to the net discount of acquired and purchased loans, excluding PCI loans, by acquisition:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Acquisition:	(dollars in thousands)	
Intermountain	\$8,572	\$10,453
West Coast	27,785	40,623
Other	(386)	(303)
Total net discount at period end	\$35,971	\$50,773

Commercial Loans: We are committed to providing competitive commercial lending in our primary market areas. Management expects a continued focus within its commercial lending products and to emphasize, in particular, relationship banking with businesses and business owners.

Real Estate Loans: One-to-four family residential loans are secured by properties located within our primary market areas and, typically, have loan-to-value ratios of 80% or lower at origination. Our underwriting standards for commercial and multifamily residential loans generally require that the loan-to-value ratio for these loans not exceed 75% of appraised value, cost, or discounted cash flow value, as appropriate, and that commercial properties maintain debt coverage ratios (net operating income divided by annual debt servicing) of 1.2 or better. However, underwriting standards can be influenced by competition and other factors. We endeavor to maintain the highest practical underwriting standards while balancing the need to remain competitive in our lending practices.

Real Estate Construction Loans: We originate a variety of real estate construction loans. Underwriting guidelines for these loans vary by loan type but include loan-to-value limits, term limits and loan advance limits, as applicable. Our underwriting guidelines for commercial and multifamily residential real estate construction loans generally require that the loan-to-value ratio not exceed 75% and stabilized debt coverage ratios (net operating income divided by annual debt servicing) of 1.2 or better. As noted above, underwriting standards can be influenced by competition and other factors. However, we endeavor to maintain the highest practical underwriting standards while balancing the need to remain competitive in our lending practices.

Consumer Loans: Consumer loans include automobile loans, boat and recreational vehicle financing, home equity and home improvement loans and miscellaneous personal loans.

Foreign Loans: The Company has no material foreign activities. Substantially all of the Company's loans and unfunded commitments are geographically concentrated in its service areas within the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Purchased Credit Impaired Loans: PCI loans are comprised of loans and loan commitments acquired in connection with the 2011 FDIC-assisted acquisitions of First Heritage Bank and Summit Bank, as well as the 2010 FDIC-assisted acquisitions of Columbia River Bank and American Marine Bank. PCI loans are generally accounted for under ASC Topic 310-30, Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality ("ASC 310-30").

For additional information on our loan portfolio, including amounts pledged as collateral on borrowings, see Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)" of this report.

#### Nonperforming Assets

Nonperforming assets consist of: (i) nonaccrual loans, which generally are loans placed on a nonaccrual basis when the loan becomes past due 90 days or when there are otherwise serious doubts about the collectability of principal or interest within the existing terms of the loan, (ii) OREO; and (iii) other personal property owned, if applicable.

Nonaccrual loans: The Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared according to the accrual basis of accounting. This includes the recognition of interest income on the loan portfolio, unless a loan is placed on nonaccrual status, which occurs when there are serious doubts about the collectability of principal or interest. Our policy is generally to discontinue the accrual of interest on all loans past due 90 days or more and place them on nonaccrual status. Loans accounted for under ASC 310-30 are generally considered accruing and performing as the loans accrete interest income over the estimated lives of the loans when cash flows are reasonably estimable. Accordingly, PCI loans accounted for under ASC 310-30 that are contractually past due are still considered to be accruing and performing loans.



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The following table set forth, at the dates indicated, information with respect to our nonaccrual loans and total nonperforming assets:

	September 30, 2015 (in thousands)	December 31, 2014
Nonperforming assets		
Nonaccrual loans:		
Commercial business	\$10,150	\$16,799
Real estate:		
One-to-four family residential	2,012	2,822
Commercial and multifamily residential	4,317	7,847
Total real estate	6,329	10,669
Real estate construction:		
One-to-four family residential	1,472	465
Commercial and multifamily residential	470	480
Total real estate construction	1,942	945
Consumer	659	2,939
Total nonaccrual loans	19,080	31,352
Other real estate owned and other personal property owned	19,475	22,225
Total nonperforming assets	\$38,555	\$53,577
Loans, net of unearned income	\$5,746,511	\$5,445,378
Total assets	\$8,755,984	\$8,578,846

Nonperforming loans to period end loans	0.33	%	0.58	%
Nonperforming assets to period end assets	0.44	%	0.62	%

At September 30, 2015, nonperforming assets were \$38.6 million, compared to \$53.6 million at December 31, 2014.

Nonperforming assets decreased \$15.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as a result of a \$12.3 decline in nonaccrual loans and a \$2.7 million decline in OREO, primarily due to OREO sales.

Other Real Estate Owned: During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, OREO decreased \$2.7 million. The following table sets forth activity in OREO for the periods indicated:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015      2014 (in thousands)	
Balance, beginning of period	\$22,190	\$35,927
Transfers in	8,751	8,930
Valuation adjustments	(1,457)	(3,220)
Proceeds from sale of OREO property	(13,283)	(24,688)
Gain on sale of OREO, net	3,255	4,955
Balance, end of period	\$19,456	\$21,904

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### Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses

#### Loans, excluding Purchased Credit Impaired Loans

We maintain an ALLL to absorb losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The size of the ALLL is determined through quarterly assessments of the probable estimated losses in the loan portfolio. Our methodology for making such assessments and determining the adequacy of the ALLL includes the following key elements:

1. General valuation allowance consistent with the Contingencies topic of the FASB ASC.
2. Classified loss reserves on specific relationships. Specific allowances for identified problem loans are determined in accordance with the Receivables topic of the FASB ASC.
3. The unallocated allowance provides for other factors inherent in our loan portfolio that may not have been contemplated in the general and specific components of the allowance. This unallocated amount generally comprises less than 5% of the allowance. The unallocated amount is reviewed quarterly based on trends in credit losses, the results of credit reviews and overall economic trends.

On a quarterly basis, our Chief Credit Officer reviews with executive management and the board of directors the various additional factors that management considers when determining the adequacy of the ALLL, including economic and business condition reviews. Factors which influenced management's judgment in determining the amount of the additions to the ALLL charged to operating expense include the following as of the applicable balance sheet dates:

Existing general economic and business conditions affecting our market place

Credit quality trends

Historical loss experience

Seasoning of the loan portfolio

Bank regulatory examination results

Findings of internal credit examiners

Duration of current business cycle

Specific loss estimates for problem loans

The ALLL is increased by provisions for loan and lease losses ("provision") charged to expense, and is reduced by loans charged off, net of recoveries or recapture of previous provision. While we believe the best information available is used by us to determine the ALLL, changes in market conditions could result in adjustments to the ALLL, affecting net income, if circumstances differ from the assumptions used in determining the ALLL.

In addition to the ALLL, we maintain an allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit. We report this allowance as a liability on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. We determine this amount using estimates of the probability of the ultimate funding and losses related to those credit exposures. This methodology is similar to the methodology we use for determining the adequacy of our ALLL. For additional information on our allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit, see Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements presented elsewhere in this report.

#### Purchased Credit Impaired Loans

PCI loans are accounted for under ASC 310-30 and initially measured at fair value based on expected future cash flows over the life of the loans. PCI loans that have common risk characteristics are aggregated into pools. The Company re-measures contractual and expected loan cash flows, at the pool-level, on a quarterly basis. If, due to credit deterioration, the present value of expected cash flows, as periodically re-measured, is less than the carrying value of the loan pool, the Company adjusts the carrying value of the loan pool to the lower amount by adjusting the ALLL with a charge to earnings through the provision for loan losses. If the present value of expected cash flows is greater than the carrying value of the loan pool, the Company adjusts the carrying value of the loan pool to a higher amount by recapturing previously recorded allowance for loan losses, if any.

At September 30, 2015, our ALLL was \$69.0 million, or 1.20% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale). This compares with an ALLL of \$69.6 million, or 1.28% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) at December 31, 2014 and an ALLL of \$67.9 million or 1.41% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) at September 30, 2014.



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The following table provides an analysis of the Company's ALLL for loans at the dates and the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months Ended September	
	30,	2014	30,	2014
	2015		2015	
	(in thousands)			
Beginning balance	\$69,257	\$69,295	\$69,569	\$72,454
Charge-offs:				
Commercial business	(2,570)	) (1,348)	) (6,082)	) (3,298)
One-to-four family residential	—	—	(297)	) (207)
Commercial and multifamily residential	(198)	) (7)	) (241)	) (2,993)
Consumer	(311)	) (620)	) (1,521)	) (2,256)
Purchased credit impaired	(3,198)	) (3,236)	) (10,174)	) (11,350)
Total charge-offs	(6,277)	) (5,211)	) (18,315)	) (20,104)
Recoveries:				
Commercial business	623	356	1,450	2,558
One-to-four family residential	261	63	288	103
Commercial and multifamily residential	417	140	3,698	716
One-to-four family residential construction	105	20	141	504
Commercial and multifamily residential construction	2	—	7	—
Consumer	297	340	707	931
Purchased credit impaired	1,533	1,888	5,262	5,690
Total recoveries	3,238	2,807	11,553	10,502
Net charge-offs	(3,039)	) (2,404)	) (6,762)	) (9,602)
Provision for loan and lease losses	2,831	980	6,242	5,019
Ending balance	\$69,049	\$67,871	\$69,049	\$67,871
Total loans, net at end of period, excluding loans held of sale	\$5,746,511	\$4,823,022	\$5,746,511	\$4,823,022
Allowance for loan and lease losses to period-end loans	1.20	% 1.41	% 1.20	% 1.41
Allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit				
Beginning balance	\$2,930	\$2,355	\$2,655	\$2,505
Net changes in the allowance for unfunded commitments and letters of credit	—	150	275	—
Ending balance	\$2,930	\$2,505	\$2,930	\$2,505

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The Company has elected to account for amounts receivable under loss-sharing agreements with the FDIC as an indemnification asset in accordance with the Business Combinations topic of the FASB ASC. The FDIC indemnification asset is initially recorded at fair value, based on the discounted expected future cash flows under the loss-sharing agreements.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the FDIC indemnification asset is reviewed quarterly and adjusted for any changes in expected cash flows. These adjustments are measured on the same basis as the related covered loans. Any decrease in expected cash flows on the covered loans due to an increase in expected credit losses will increase the FDIC indemnification asset and any increase in expected future cash flows on the covered loans due to a decrease in expected credit losses will decrease the FDIC indemnification asset. Changes in the estimated cash flows on covered assets that are immediately recognized in income generally result in a similar immediate adjustment to the loss-sharing asset while changes in expected cash flows on covered assets that are accounted for as an adjustment to yield generally result in adjustments to the amortization or accretion rate for the loss-sharing asset. Increases and decreases to the FDIC loss-sharing asset are recorded as adjustments to noninterest income.

At September 30, 2015, the FDIC loss-sharing asset was \$8.1 million, which was comprised of a \$6.7 million FDIC indemnification asset and a \$1.4 million FDIC receivable. The FDIC receivable represents the amounts due from the FDIC for claims related to covered losses the Company has incurred net of amounts due to the FDIC relating to shared recoveries.

The following table summarizes the activity related to the FDIC loss-sharing asset for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2014		2014	
	(in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$9,344	\$27,981	\$15,174	\$39,846
Adjustments not reflected in income:				
Cash (received from) paid to the FDIC, net	799	541	(2,723	) (1,223
FDIC reimbursable recoveries, net	(362	) (214	) (1,326	) (446
Adjustments reflected in income:				
Amortization, net	(1,416	) (3,992	) (5,086	) (16,208
Loan impairment	(119	) (416	) 1,413	2,735
Sale of other real estate	(126	) (383	) (753	) (2,104
Write-downs of other real estate	25	67	1,148	860
Other	1	(92	) 299	32
Balance at end of period	\$8,146	\$23,492	\$8,146	\$23,492

For additional information on the FDIC loss-sharing asset, please see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements presented elsewhere in this report.

**Liquidity and Sources of Funds**

Our primary sources of funds are customer deposits. Additionally, we utilize advances from the FHLB of Des Moines ("Des Moines Bank"), the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and wholesale and retail repurchase agreements to supplement our funding needs. These funds, together with loan repayments, loan sales, retained earnings, equity and other borrowed funds are used to make loans, to acquire securities and other assets, and to fund continuing operations. In addition, we have a shelf registration statement on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission registering an unlimited amount of any combination of debt or equity securities, depositary shares, purchase contracts, units and warrants in one or more offerings. Specific information regarding the terms of and the securities being offered will be provided at the time of any offering. Proceeds from any future offerings are expected to be used for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the repayment of debt, repurchasing or redeeming outstanding securities, working capital, funding future acquisitions or other purposes identified at the time of any offering.

During the second quarter of 2015, the FHLB of Seattle (“Seattle Bank”) merged with and into the Des Moines Bank. As a result of the merger, certain of Columbia’s shares of Seattle Bank capital stock were converted into shares of Des Moines Bank capital stock; excess Seattle Bank shares were redeemed for cash. The balance of Columbia’s FHLB stock decreased from



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\$33.4 million at December 31, 2014 to \$10.2 million at September 30, 2015, reflecting, in part, the redemption of excess Seattle Bank shares. The balance of Columbia's FHLB stock will continue to fluctuate based upon Columbia's borrowing activity with the Des Moines Bank.

**Deposit Activities**

Our deposit products include a wide variety of transaction accounts, savings accounts and time deposit accounts. Core deposits (demand deposit, savings, money market accounts and certificates of deposit less than \$100,000) increased \$366.3 million since year-end 2014. During the current year, as part of a product migration to our new deposit account product line, a substantial portion of our interest-bearing deposits which were typically bearing a nominal interest rate were migrated to noninterest-bearing deposit products. This migration resulted in a decrease in interest-bearing demand deposit balances and an increase in noninterest-bearing deposit balances during the current year.

We have established a branch system to serve our consumer and business depositors. In addition, management's strategy for funding asset growth is to make use of brokered and other wholesale deposits on an as-needed basis. The Company participates in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS®) program. CDARS® is a network that allows participating banks to offer extended FDIC deposit insurance coverage on time deposits. The Company also participates in a similar program to offer extended FDIC deposit insurance coverage on money market accounts. These extended deposit insurance programs are generally available only to existing customers and are not used as a means of generating additional liquidity. At September 30, 2015, CDARS® deposits and brokered money market deposits were \$144.2 million, or 2% of total deposits, compared to \$101.8 million at year-end 2014. The brokered deposits have varied maturities.

The following table sets forth the Company's deposit base by type of product for the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		
	Balance	% of Total	Balance	% of Total	
	(dollars in thousands)				
Core deposits:					
Demand and other noninterest-bearing	\$3,386,968	46.3	% \$2,651,373	38.3	%
Interest-bearing demand	911,686	12.5	% 1,304,258	18.8	%
Money market	1,776,087	24.3	% 1,760,331	25.4	%
Savings	651,695	8.9	% 615,721	8.9	%
Certificates of deposit less than \$100,000	259,770	3.6	% 288,261	4.2	%
Total core deposits	6,986,206	95.6	% 6,619,944	95.6	%
Certificates of deposit greater than \$100,000	184,047	2.4	% 202,014	2.9	%
Certificates of deposit insured by CDARS®	26,975	0.4	% 18,429	0.3	%
Brokered money market accounts	117,196	1.6	% 83,402	1.2	%
Subtotal	7,314,424	100.0	% 6,923,789	100.0	%
Premium resulting from acquisition date fair value adjustment	381		933		
Total deposits	\$7,314,805		\$6,924,722		

**Borrowings**

We rely on FHLB advances and FRB borrowings as another source of both short and long-term funding. FHLB advances and FRB borrowings are secured by bonds within our investment portfolio, and residential, commercial and commercial real estate loans. At September 30, 2015, we had FHLB advances of \$6.5 million compared to \$216.6 million at December 31, 2014.

We also utilize wholesale and retail repurchase agreements as a supplement to our funding sources. Our wholesale repurchase agreements are secured by mortgage-backed securities. At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had term repurchase agreements of \$25.0 million, which mature in 2018, and deposit customer sweep-related repurchase agreements of \$48.2 million and \$80.1 million, respectively, which mature on a daily basis. Management anticipates we will continue to rely on FHLB advances, FRB borrowings, and wholesale and retail repurchase agreements in the future and we will use those funds primarily to make loans and purchase securities.



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## Contractual Obligations, Commitments &amp; Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We are party to many contractual financial obligations, including repayment of borrowings, operating and equipment lease payments, off-balance sheet commitments to extend credit and investments in affordable housing partnerships. At September 30, 2015, we had commitments to extend credit of \$1.89 billion compared to \$1.62 billion at December 31, 2014.

## Capital Resources

Shareholders' equity at September 30, 2015 was \$1.25 billion, an increase from \$1.23 billion at December 31, 2014.

Shareholders' equity was 14% of total period-end assets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Capital Ratios: Basel III capital requirements became effective on January 1, 2015. The new capital requirements, among other things, (i) introduce a new capital measure called "Common Equity Tier 1," or CET1, (ii) specify that Tier 1 capital consists of CET1 and "Additional Tier 1 capital" instruments meeting specified requirements, (iii) define CET1 narrowly by requiring that most deductions/adjustments to regulatory capital measures be made to CET1 and not to the other components of capital and (iv) expand the scope of the deductions/adjustments to capital as compared to existing regulations. Under the requirements that are now effective, the minimum capital ratios are now (i) 4.5% CET1 to risk-weighted assets, (ii) 6% Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets, (iii) 8% total capital to risk-weighted assets and (iv) 4% Tier 1 leverage. The Company and the Bank have made the one-time election to opt-out of including accumulated other comprehensive income items in regulatory capital calculations.

FDIC regulations set forth the qualifications necessary for a bank to be classified as "well capitalized," primarily for assignment of FDIC insurance premium rates. To qualify as "well capitalized," banks must have a CET1 risk-adjusted capital ratio of 6.5%, a Tier I risk-adjusted capital ratio of at least 8%, a total risk-adjusted capital ratio of at least 10% and a leverage ratio of at least 5%. Failure to qualify as "well capitalized" can negatively impact a bank's ability to expand and to engage in certain activities.

The Company and its banking subsidiary qualify as "well-capitalized" at September 30, 2015. The following table presents the regulatory standards for adequately capitalized and well-capitalized institutions and the capital ratios for the Company and its banking subsidiary at September 30, 2015:

	Company September 30, 2015		Columbia Bank September 30, 2015	Requirements			
				Adequately capitalized		Well- Capitalized	
Common equity tier 1 (CET1) risk-based capital ratio	12.18	%	11.99	%	4.50	%	6.50 %
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	12.18	%	11.99	%	6.00	%	8.00 %
Total risk-based capital ratio	13.22	%	13.02	%	8.00	%	10.00 %
Leverage ratio	10.21	%	10.06	%	4.00	%	5.00 %

For additional information concerning the new Basel III capital requirements, including information regarding those requirements when fully phased in, see "Business-Regulatory Capital Requirements" in our 2014 Form 10-K. See Note 24, Regulatory Capital Requirements, in Item 8 of our 2014 Form 10-K for additional details related to our capital ratios as of December 31, 2014 based on capital requirements then in effect.

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## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company considers operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) to be an important measurement as it more closely reflects the ongoing operating performance of the Company. Additionally, presentation of the operating net interest margin allows readers to compare certain aspects of the Company's net interest margin to other organizations. Despite the importance of the operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) to the Company, there is no standardized definition for it and, as a result, the Company's calculations may not be comparable with other organizations. The Company encourages readers to consider its consolidated financial statements in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.

The following table reconciles the Company's calculation of the operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) to the net interest margin (tax equivalent) for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Operating net interest margin non-GAAP reconciliation:	(dollars in thousands)			
Net interest income (tax equivalent) (1)	\$84,254	\$78,232	\$250,218	\$231,089
Adjustments to arrive at operating net interest income (tax equivalent):				
Incremental accretion income on FDIC purchased credit impaired loans	(2,082)	(4,205)	(6,896)	(16,428)
Incremental accretion income on other FDIC acquired loans	(34)	(175)	(166)	(474)
Incremental accretion income on other acquired loans	(4,293)	(5,040)	(14,116)	(16,136)
Premium amortization on acquired securities	2,396	1,454	7,964	4,633
Correction of immaterial error - securities premium amortization and discount accretion	—	(2,622)	—	(2,622)
Interest reversals on nonaccrual loans	325	423	1,131	1,103
Operating net interest income (tax equivalent) (1)	\$80,566	\$68,067	\$238,135	\$201,165
Average interest earning assets	\$7,711,531	\$6,451,660	\$7,600,954	\$6,345,909
Net interest margin (tax equivalent) (1)	4.37	% 4.85	% 4.39	% 4.86
Operating net interest margin (tax equivalent) (1)	4.18	% 4.22	% 4.18	% 4.23

(1) Tax-exempt interest income has been adjusted to a tax equivalent basis. The amount of such adjustment was an addition to net interest income of \$2.6 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and an addition to net interest income of \$7.2 million and \$5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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**Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

A number of measures are used to monitor and manage interest rate risk, including income simulations and interest sensitivity (gap) analysis. An income simulation model is the primary tool used to assess the direction and magnitude of changes in net interest income resulting from changes in interest rates. Basic assumptions in the model include prepayment speeds on mortgage-related assets, cash flows and maturities of other investment securities, loan and deposit volumes and pricing. These assumptions are inherently subjective and, as a result, the model cannot precisely estimate net interest income or precisely predict the impact of higher or lower interest rates on net interest income. Actual results will differ from simulated results due to timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes and changes in market conditions and management strategies, among other factors. At September 30, 2015, based on the measures used to monitor and manage interest rate risk, there has not been a material change in the Company's interest rate risk since December 31, 2014. For additional information, refer to Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is (i) accumulated and communicated to our management (including the CEO and CFO) to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and (ii) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in our internal controls over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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The Company and its subsidiaries are party to routine litigation arising in the ordinary course of business.

Management believes that, based on information currently known to it, any liabilities arising from such litigation will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial conditions, results of operations or cash flows.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Refer to Item 1A of Part I of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 for a discussion of risk factors relating to the Company's business. The Company believes that there has been no material change in its risk factors as previously disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K.

**Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) The following table provides information about repurchases of common stock by the Company during the quarter ended September 30, 2015:

Period	Total Number of Common Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Common Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan (2)	Maximum Number of Remaining Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (2)
7/1/2015 - 7/31/2015	71	\$33.48	—	—
8/1/2015 - 8/31/2015	—	—	—	—
9/1/2015 - 9/30/2015	105	31.26	—	—
	176	\$32.15	—	—

(1) Common shares repurchased by the Company during the quarter consist of cancellation of 3,010 shares of common stock to pay the shareholders' withholding taxes.

(2) The Company does not have a current share repurchase plan.

**Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

On October 30, 2015, Columbia State Bank (the "Bank") entered into split dollar life insurance agreements (the "Agreements") with Melanie J. Dressel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank. The Agreements provide Ms. Dressel's beneficiaries with benefits comparable to those provided to the beneficiaries of the Bank's other senior officers in the event of death while employed by the Bank or, for Ms. Dressel, while serving on the Bank's board of directors.

The Bank is the owner of the life insurance policies and is responsible for paying the premiums due under such policies. Under the Agreements, the amount of the death benefit payable to Ms. Dressel's beneficiaries is equal to three times her then-current base salary and approximately ten times the projected benefit at normal retirement age of her Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, or SERP, minus the value of other life insurance policies owned by Ms. Dressel and the Bank. Ms. Dressel may request an acceleration of these benefits in the event of terminal or chronic illness.

The foregoing description of the Agreements is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreements that are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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Item 6. EXHIBITS

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- 31.1+ Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2+ Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32+ Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

+ Filed herewith

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SIGNATURES

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

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: November 5, 2015

By /s/ MELANIE J. DRESSEL  
Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 5, 2015

By /s/ CLINT E. STEIN  
Clint E. Stein  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 5, 2015

By /s/ BARRY S. RAY  
Barry S. Ray  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)



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