OEI PERRY Form 4

December 21, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **OEI PERRY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

10% Owner Other (specify

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777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2012

General Counsel

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A)

Code

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Owned

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Security or Exercise any Securities (Month/Day/Year)

Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amount of

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code V	(A) (D)) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Stock Option	\$ 24.8				11/20/2004(1)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	20,08
Stock Option	\$ 37				02/17/2006(1)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 36.24				01/25/2007(1)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option	\$ 23.37				02/21/2009(2)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	5,500
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>				<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,988
Restricted Stock Units	(3)				<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	3,776
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/08/2012	A	596	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	596
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/20/2012	A	4,186	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	4,186

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
OEI PERRY 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			General Counsel		

Signatures

Perry Oei	12/21/2012		
**Signature of	Date		

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is fully exercisable.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.
- Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from
- (3) time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("EESA"). Each unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of CATY Common Stock.
- (4) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 23, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (5) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (6) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on May 8, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (7) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 20, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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