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## FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **WU PETER** Issuer Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [CATY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 777 NORTH BROADWAY 12/31/2012 Executive Vice Chairman/COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/31/2012 A 567 (1) A \$0 9,040 D Stock By Common 874,299 (2) Ι PACJU. Stock LLC Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of **SEC 1474** information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$ 

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 28.695					02/19/2005(3)	02/19/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006(3)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	72,170
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007(3)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	72,170
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009(4)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	72,230
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	6,192
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	9,116
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	5,379
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	13,716

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WU PETER						
777 NORTH BROADWAY	X		Executive Vice Chairman/COO			
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012						

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## **Signatures**

Monica Chen, Attorney-in-fact 01/03/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **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).

Shares of Cathay General Banorp (the "Company") common stock acquired under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan. As a condition to receiving these shares, the reporting person agreed to hold and not transfer, for the entire period during which the Company has any

(1) obligations outstandig under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (disregarding any warrants to purchase common stock of the Company that the U.S. Treasury may hold) (the "Restriction Period"), all of the shares received. These transfer restrictions will terminate upon the earlier of the end of the Restriction Period or the date of the reporting person's death or permanent disability.

The reporting person is a co-trustee, together with his spouse, of the Wu Trust (the "Trust"), which has transferred the shares of CATY Common Stock previously held by the Trust to PACJU, LLC ("PACJU"), a Delaware limited liability company of which the Trust will

- serve as Manager and hold a 51.5% interest, with the reporting person and his spouse each holding a .5% ownership interest in PACJU in their own names. The balance of the interests in PACJU will be held by the reporting person's adult children, none of whom shares a household with the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of CATY Stock held by PACJU except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) The option is fully exercisable.
- (4) 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 (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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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