

Columbia Equity Trust, Inc.
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Novack John M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1750 H STREET, N.W. SUITE 500
 (Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Columbia Equity Trust, Inc. [COE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/05/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP/CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
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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 | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| LTIP Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 07/05/2005 | A | 28,333 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Units <u>(4)</u> | 28,333 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Novack John M 1750 H STREET, N.W. SUITE 500 WASHINGTON, DC 20006 | | | Senior VP/CAO | |

Signatures

/s/ John M.
Novack

07/07/2005

__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).
- (1) The LTIP Units may be converted into units of limited partnership interest ("Units") of Columbia Equity, LP, of which the issuer is the general partner, on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The LTIP Units are exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The LTIP Units will expire upon dissolution or expiration of the term of Columbia Equity, LP, whichever occurs first.
- (4) Units may be redeemed for shares of the issuer's Common Stock on a one-for-one basis or, at the election of the issuer, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares, beginning July 5, 2006.

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