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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>MAHON KENNETH J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2011 | (Check X X | tionship of Reporting Per- all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) RST EXECUTIVE V | 10% Owner Other (specify below) |
|---|---------|-------|--|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| (Street) BROOKLYN | NY | 11211 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha | orting Person |
| (Citv) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|--|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | X | | 36,664 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$10.91 | 160,965 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | J | | 26,369(1) | D | \$15.17 | 134,596 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | x | | 19,586 | A | \$10.91 | 154,182 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | S | | 19,586 | D | \$15.1521 | 134,596 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 117,026 | Ι | Bmp | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 55,966 | I | Esop | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,913 | I | Restricted Stock Awards | |
| Restricted Stock Award | | | | | | | | 10,641 | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Award | | | | | | | | 12,201 | I | Restricted Stock Award | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | e | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$10.91 | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | x | | | 36,664 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/21/2002 | 11/21/2011 | Common Stock | 36,664 | \$0 | 19,586 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$10.91 | 02/24/2011 | 02/24/2011 | x | | | 19,586 | 11/21/2002 | 11/21/2011 | Common Stock | 19,586 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$13.16 | | | | | | | 02/01/2004 | 02/01/2013 | Common Stock | 60,750 | | 60,750 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$19.9 | | | | | | | 01/27/2005 | 01/27/2014 | Common Stock | 60,750 | | 60,750 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$13.74 | | | | | | | 05/01/2008 ⁽²⁾ | 05/01/2017 | Common Stock | 105,000 | | 105,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$16.73 | | | | | | | 05/01/2012 ⁽³⁾ | 07/31/2018 | Common Stock | 11,706 | | 11,706 | D | |

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|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | Deri Secu Acq or D | umber of vative urities uired (A) isposed)) (Instr. 3, d 5) | Expiration Date of Securities (Month/Day/Year) Underlying | | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form: Ber Direct (D) Ow | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$8.34 | | | | | | | 05/01/2010 | 04/30/2019 | Common Stock | 25,947 | | 25,947 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$15.1 | | | | | | | 05/31/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/31/2015 | Common Stock | 49,462 | | 49,462 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Mr. Mahon swapped 26,369 owned shares in order to exercise and hold 36,664 stock options, thus increasing his direct ownership by 10,295 shares.

2. Options vest in equal 1/4th annual installments on May 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

3. Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

4. Options vest in equal annual installments on May 31, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

<u>/s/ KENNETH J. MAHON</u> 02/28/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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