FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SCHUETTE REX S					<u>U</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [ UCBI ]									ck all applic Director Officer	able)	10% Owner other (specify		ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 313 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2007									below) below) EVP & CFO					
(Street) BLAIRSVILLE GA 30512 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Ind Line)						
		Ta	ble I - No	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Disp	osed of	f, or B	enefi	icially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo		Disposed	urities Acquired (A) osed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and Securities Beneficiall Owned Fol		Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock														51,98	1.5222		D		
Common	Stock Issu	ıable													10,07	4.601		D		
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units) <sup>(1)</sup> 04/25.					25/200	/2007		A		3,500 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	6,500			D				
Common Stock														7,856.517			I	By 401k		
			Table II -								sed of, onvertib				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	ate, Transaction Code (Instr					6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Ar of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e C s F ally C c	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares						
Option to Purchase Common	\$30.67	04/25/2007			A		18,500		04/25/2008	3 <sup>(2)</sup>	)4/25/2017	Commo Stock	18	3,500	\$0	160,50	01	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 2007 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on May 31, 2008, January 31, 2009, January 31, 2010, and January 31, 2011.
- $2.\ 2007\ Stock\ Option\ Grants\ vest\ over\ four\ consecutive\ years\ at\ 25\%\ on\ the\ grant\ anniversary\ date.$

## Remarks:

Lois J. Rich by Power of

04/26/2007

Attorney
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS (A) REX S. SCHUETTE; (B) THOMAS C. GILLILAND; (C) LORRAINE G. MCKAY; AND (D) LOIS J. RICH, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

- (1) Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such

attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED HAS CAUSED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY
TO BE EXECUTED AS OF THIS 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2002.

/s/ Rex S. Schuette Signature

Rex S. Schuette

Print Name