

Columbia Equity Trust, Inc.
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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 *
 Schissel John A

(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)
 Chief Financial Officer

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 (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	13,333					⁽²⁾	⁽³⁾	Units ⁽⁴⁾	13,333	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schissel John A 1750 H STREET, N.W. SUITE 500 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	X		Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ John M. Novack
Attorney-in-Fact

07/07/2005
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 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) LTIP Units will expire upon dissolution or expiration of the term of Columbia Equity, LP.
- (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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