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[X] Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006
or
[] Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from to
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Commission File Number 0-11733 CITY HOLDING COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

West Virginia 55-0169957
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

Graph (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

25 Gatewater Road, Cross Lanes, WV 25313

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

304-769-1100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on
Which Registered:

None None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$2.50 par value (Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. [] Yes [X] No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. [] Yes [X] No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. [X] Yes [] No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements

incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer [] Accelerated filer [X]Non-accelerated filer []

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). [] Yes [X] No

As of June 30, 2006, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter, the aggregate market value of the shares of common stock held by non-affiliates, based upon the closing price per share of the registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market System, was approximately \$610.4 million. (Registrant has assumed that all of its executive officers and directors are affiliates. Such assumption shall not be deemed to be conclusive for any other purpose.)

As of February 28, 2007, there were 17,359,587 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the annual report to security holders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 2006 are incorporated by reference into Part I, Item 1 and Part II, Items 5, 6, 7, 7A, and 8. Portions of the Proxy Statement for the 2006 2007 annual shareholders' meeting to be held on April 25, 2007 are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

City Holding Company (the "Company") is a bank holding company headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia. The Company conducts its principal activities through its wholly-owned subsidiary, City National Bank of West Virginia ("City National"). Through its network of 67 banking offices in West Virginia (56 offices), Kentucky (9 offices), and Ohio (2 offices), City National provides credit, deposit, trust and investment management, and insurance products and services to its customers. In addition to its branch network, City National's delivery channels include ATMs, check cards, interactive voice response systems, and internet technology. City National has approximately 7% of the deposit market share in West Virginia and the Company is the third largest bank holding company headquartered in West Virginia based on deposit share. The Company's business activities are currently limited to one reportable business segment, which is community banking.

No portion of City National's deposits are derived from a single person or persons, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on liquidity, capital, or other elements of financial performance. Although no portion of City National's loan portfolio is concentrated within a single industry or group of related industries, it historically has held residential mortgage loans as a significant portion of its loan portfolio. At December 31, 2006, 53% of the Company's loan portfolio was categorized as residential mortgage and home equity loans. However, due to the fractionated nature of residential mortgage lending, there is no concentration of credits that would be considered materially detrimental to the Company's financial position or operating results.

The Company's business is not seasonal and has no foreign sources or applications of funds. There are no anticipated material capital expenditures, or any expected material effects on earnings or the Company's competitive position as a result of compliance with federal, state and local provisions enacted or adopted relating to environmental protection.

Competition

As noted previously, the Company's principal markets are located in West Virginia. The majority of the Company's banking offices are located in the areas of Charleston, Huntington, Beckley and Martinsburg where there is a significant presence of other financial service providers. In its markets, the Company competes with national, regional, and local community banks for deposit, credit, trust and investment management, and insurance customers. In addition to traditional banking organizations, the Company competes with credit unions, finance companies, insurance companies and other financial service providers who are able to provide specialty financial services to targeted customer groups. As further discussed below, changes in laws and regulations enacted in recent years have increased the competitive environment the Company faces to retain and attract customers.

Regulation and Supervision

Overview: The Company, as a registered bank holding company, and City National, as an insured depository institution, operate in a highly regulated environment and are regularly examined by federal and state regulators. The following description briefly discusses certain provisions of federal and state laws and regulations and the potential impact of such provisions to which the Company and City National are subject. These federal and state laws and regulations are designed to reduce potential loss exposure to the depositors of such depository institutions and to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's insurance fund and are not intended to protect the Company's security holders. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently raised in Congress, in state legislatures, and before the various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any changes and the impact such changes might have on the Company are impossible to determine with any certainty. A change in applicable laws or regulations, or a change in the way such laws or regulations are interpreted by regulatory agencies

or courts, may have a material impact on the business, operations and earnings of the Company. To the extent that the following information describes statutory or regulatory provisions, it is qualified entirely by reference to the particular statutory or regulatory provision.

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As a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), the Company is subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Board. Federal banking laws require a bank holding company to serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary depository institutions and to commit resources to support such institutions in circumstances where it might not do so otherwise. Additionally, the Federal Reserve Board has jurisdiction under the BHCA to approve any bank or nonbank acquisition, merger or consolidation proposed by a bank holding company. The BHCA generally limits the activities of a bank holding company and its subsidiaries to that of banking, managing or controlling banks, or any other activity that is so closely related to banking or to managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. The BHCA also prohibits a bank holding company, with certain exceptions, from acquiring more than 5% of the voting shares of any company and from engaging in any business other than banking or managing or controlling banks. The Federal Reserve Board has by regulation determined that certain activities are closely related to banking within the meaning of the BHCA. These activities include: operating a mortgage company, finance company, credit card company or factoring company; performing certain data processing operations; providing investment and financial advice; and acting as an insurance agent for certain types of credit-related insurance.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("Gramm-Leach") became law in November 1999. Gramm-Leach established a comprehensive framework to permit affiliations among commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, securities firms, and other financial service providers. Gramm-Leach permits qualifying bank holding companies to register with the Federal Reserve Board as "financial holding companies" and allows such companies to engage in a significantly broader range of financial activities than were historically permissible for bank holding companies. Although the Federal Reserve Board provides the principal regulatory supervision of financial services permitted under Gramm-Leach, the Securities and Exchange Commission and state regulators also provide substantial supervisory oversight. In addition to broadening the range of financial services a bank holding company may provide, Gramm-Leach also addressed customer privacy and information sharing issues and set forth certain customer disclosure requirements. The Company has no current plans to petition the Federal Reserve Board for consideration as a financial holding company.

The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 ("Riegle-Neal") permits bank holding companies to acquire banks located in any state. Riegle-Neal also allows national banks and state banks with different home states to merge across state lines and allows branch banking across state lines, unless specifically prohibited by state laws.

The International Money Laundering Abatement and Anti-Terrorist Financing Act of 2001 (USA "Patriot Act") was adopted in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The Patriot Act provides law enforcement with greater powers to investigate terrorism and prevent future terrorist acts. Among the broad-reaching provisions contained in the Patriot Act are several designed to deter terrorists' ability to launder money in the United States and provide law enforcement with additional powers to investigate how terrorists and terrorist organizations are financed. The Patriot Act creates additional requirements for banks, which were already subject to similar regulations. The Patriot Act authorizes the Secretary of Treasury to require financial institutions to take certain "special measures" when the Secretary suspects that certain transactions or accounts are related to money laundering. These special measures may be ordered when the Secretary suspects that a jurisdiction outside of the United States, a financial institution operating outside of the United States, a class of transactions involving a jurisdiction outside of the United States or certain types of accounts are of "primary money laundering concern." The special measures include the following: (a) require financial institutions to keep records and report on transactions or accounts at issue; (b) require financial institutions to obtain and retain information related to the beneficial ownership of any account opened or maintained by foreign persons; (c) require financial institutions to identify each customer who is permitted to use a payable-through or correspondent account and obtain certain information from each customer permitted to use the account; and (d) prohibit or impose conditions on the opening or maintaining of correspondent or payable-through accounts. Failure of a financial institution to maintain and implement adequate programs to combat money laundering and terrorist

financing, or to comply with all of the relevant laws or regulations, could have serious legal and reputational consequences for the institution.

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Capital Adequacy: Federal banking regulations set forth capital adequacy guidelines, which are used by regulatory authorities to assess the adequacy of capital in examining and supervising a bank holding company and its insured depository institutions. The capital adequacy guidelines generally require bank holding companies to maintain total capital equal to at least 8% of total risk-adjusted assets, with at least one-half of total capital consisting of core capital (i.e., Tier I capital) and the remaining amount consisting of "other" capital-eligible items (i.e., Tier II capital), such as perpetual preferred stock, certain subordinated debt, and, subject to limitations, the allowance for loan losses. Tier I capital generally includes common stockholders' equity plus, within certain limitations, perpetual preferred stock and trust preferred securities. For purposes of computing risk-based capital ratios, bank holding companies must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items, calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Company's and City National's capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

In addition to total and Tier I capital requirements, regulatory authorities also require bank holding companies and insured depository institutions to maintain a minimum leverage capital ratio of 3%. The leverage ratio is determined as the ratio of Tier I capital to total average assets, where average assets exclude goodwill, other intangibles, and other specifically excluded assets. Regulatory authorities have stated that minimum capital ratios are adequate for those institutions that are operationally and financially sound, experiencing solid earnings, have high levels of asset quality and are not experiencing significant growth. The guidelines also provide that banking organizations experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions will be expected to maintain strong capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels. In those instances where these criteria are not evident, regulatory authorities expect, and may require, bank holding companies and insured depository institutions to maintain higher than minimum capital levels.

Additionally, federal banking laws require regulatory authorities to take "prompt corrective action" with respect to depository institutions that do not satisfy minimum capital requirements. The extent of these powers depends upon whether the institutions in question are "well capitalized", "adequately capitalized", "undercapitalized", "significantly undercapitalized" or "critically undercapitalized", as such terms are defined under uniform regulations defining such capital levels issued by each of the federal banking agencies. As an example, a depository institution that is not well capitalized is generally prohibited from accepting brokered deposits and offering interest rates on deposits higher than the prevailing rate in its market. Additionally, a depository institution is generally prohibited from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company, may be subject to asset growth limitations and may be required to submit capital restoration plans if the depository institution is considered undercapitalized. The Company's and City National's regulatory capital ratios are presented in the following table:

	December 31,	
	2006	2005
City Holding:		
Tier I Risk-based	15.30%	15.41%
Total	16.19	16.38
Tier I Leverage	10.79	10.97
City National:		
Tier I Risk-based	12.53%	13.01%
Total	13.42	13.99
Tier I Leverage	8.81	9.24

Dividends and Other Payments: The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from City National. Dividends from City National are essentially the sole source of cash for the Company. The right of the Company, and shareholders of the Company, to participate in any distribution of the assets or earnings of City National through the payment of such dividends or otherwise is necessarily subject to the prior claims of creditors of City National, except to the extent that claims of the Company in its capacity as a creditor may be recognized. Moreover, there are various legal limitations applicable to the payment of dividends to the Company as well as the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders. Under federal law, City National may not, subject to certain limited expectations, make loans or extensions of credit to, or invest in the securities of, or take securities of the Company as collateral for loans to any borrower. City National is also subject to collateral security requirements for any loans or extensions of credit permitted by such exceptions.

City National is subject to various statutory restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to the Company. Specifically, the approval of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC") is required prior to the payment of dividends by City National in excess of its earnings retained in the current year plus retained net profits for the preceding two years. The payment of dividends by the Company and City National may also be limited by other factors, such as requirements to maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines. The OCC has the authority to prohibit any bank under its jurisdiction from engaging in an unsafe and unsound practice in conducting its business. Depending upon the financial condition of City National, the payment of dividends could be deemed to constitute such an unsafe or unsound practice. The Federal Reserve Board and the OCC have indicated their view that it generally would be an unsafe and unsound practice to pay dividends except out of current operating earnings. The Federal Reserve Board has stated that, as a matter of prudent banking, a bank or bank holding company should not maintain its existing rate of cash dividends on common stock unless (1) the organization's net income available to common shareholders over the past year has been sufficient to fund fully the dividends and (2) the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality, and overall financial condition. Moreover, the Federal Reserve Board has indicated that bank holding companies should serve as a source of managerial and financial strength to their subsidiary banks. Accordingly, the Federal Reserve Board has stated that a bank holding company should not maintain a level of cash dividends to its shareholders that places undue pressure on the capital of bank subsidiaries, or that can be funded only through additional borrowings or other arrangements that may undermine the bank holding company's ability to serve as a source of strength.

During 2005 and 2006 combined, City National received regulatory approval to pay \$144.8 million of cash dividends to the Parent Company, while generating net profits of \$106.6 million. Therefore, City National will be required to obtain regulatory approval prior to declaring any cash dividends to the Parent Company during 2007. Although regulatory authorities have approved prior cash dividends, there can be no assurance that future dividend requests will be approved.

During 2006, the Company used cash obtained from these dividends primarily to: (1) pay common dividends to shareholders, (2) remit interest payments on the Company's junior subordinated debentures, (3) redeem \$12.0 million of the Company's junior subordinated debentures, (4) invest \$40.0 million in a new capital management subsidiary, and (5) fund repurchases of the Company's common shares. Management believes that the Company's available cash balance, together with cash dividends from City National, is adequate to satisfy its funding and cash needs in 2007.

Governmental Policies

The Federal Reserve Board regulates money and credit and interest rates in order to influence general economic conditions. These policies have a significant influence on overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments and deposits and affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for time and savings deposits. Federal Reserve monetary policies have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future.

Various other legislative and regulatory initiatives, including proposals to overhaul the banking regulatory system and to limit the investments that a depository institution may make with insured funds, are from time to time introduced in Congress and state legislatures, as well as regulatory agencies. The Company cannot determine the ultimate effect that such potential legislation, if enacted, would have upon its financial condition or operations.

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Executive Officers of the Registrant

At December 31, 2006, the executive officers of the Company were as follows:

Name	Age	Business Experience
Charles R. Hageboeck	44	President and Chief Executive Officer, City Holding Company and City National Bank, Charleston, WV since February 1, 2005. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, City Holding Company and City National Bank, Charleston, WV from June 2001 - January 31, 2005. Director of Forecasting, Roche Diagnostics Corp. (a medical diagnostic manufacturer), Indianapolis, IN from 2000 - 2001. Chief Financial Officer, Peoples Bank Corp. of Indianapolis, IN from 1997 - 1999.
Craig G. Stilwell	51	Executive Vice President of Retail Banking, City Holding Company and City National Bank, Charleston, WV since February 2005. Executive Vice President of Marketing & Human Resources, City Holding Company and City National Bank, Charleston, WV from May 2001 - February 2005. Olive LLP (a regional accounting and consulting firm specializing in financial institutions), Indianapolis, IN from 1999 - 2001. Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Marketing, Peoples Bank Corp. of Indianapolis, IN from 1978 - 1999.
John A. DeRito	57	Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking, City Holding Company and City National Bank, Charleston, WV since June 25, 2004. Regional Credit Officer for the West Virginia Central Region of BB&T, Charleston, WV from November 2000 June 2004. Vice President and Credit Officer, One Valley Bank, Charleston, WV from 1983 - 1998.
John W. Alderman, III	42	Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel, City Holding Company and City National Bank since April 1997.
David L. Bumgarner	41	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, City Holding Company and City National Bank since February 2005. Audit Senior Manager, Arnett & Foster, PLLC from August 2000 - January 2005. Assistant Controller/Director of Accounting, Eastern States Oil & Gas, Inc. from May 1998 - August 2000.

Employees

The Company had 779 full-time equivalent employees at December 31, 2006.

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Available Information

The Company's Internet website address is *www.cityholding.com*. The Company makes available free of charge through its website its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after such documents are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information on the Company's website is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this report or incorporated into any other filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of the Company's annual report will be made available, free of charge, upon written request.

Statistical Information

The information noted below is provided pursuant to Guide 3 -- Statistical Disclosure by Bank Holding Companies. Page references are to the Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2006 and such pages have been filed as an exhibit to this Form 10-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

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