

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 12b-25

Commission File Number: 0-21656

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 11-K  Form 20-F  Form 10-Q  
 Form N-SAR

For Period Ended: September 30, 2000  
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- Transition Report on Form 10-K
- Transition Report on Form 20-F
- Transition Report on Form 11-K
- Transition Report on Form 10-Q
- Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

Read attached instruction sheet before preparing form. Please print or type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates: \_\_\_\_\_

PART I  
REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full name of registrant

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Former name if applicable

N/A

Address of principal executive office (Street and number)

P.O. Box 398, 63 Highway 515

City, state and zip code

Blairsville, Georgia 30512

PART II  
RULE 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will

- [X] | be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
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- | (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III  
NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why the Form 10-K, 11-K, 20-F 10-Q, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

Registrant's preparation of its financial statements, notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations has taken longer than anticipated and has prevented Registrant from completing the preparation of its 10-Q Report filing. The reasons causing the Registrant to be unable to file timely could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense. The subject Quarterly Report will be filed no later than the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date.

