

SMITH WAYNE T  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITH WAYNE T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMUNITY HEALTH  
SYSTEMS, INC., 155 FRANKLIN  
ROAD, SUITE 400

(Street)

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027-4600

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
PRAXAIR INC [PX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             |                                                                      | 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<br>Derivative | 2.<br>Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4.<br>Transaction | 5. Number of<br>Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8 |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
|                           |                  |                                         |                                  |                   |                            |                                            |                                                 |   |

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | S<br>(I             |                    |                 |                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                  |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                           | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Deferred<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                               | 01/06/2006              | A                  |                                                                             | 298.713          |                  | <sup>(3)</sup>      | <sup>(3)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock | 298.713                          |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                              | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                             | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| SMITH WAYNE T<br>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.<br>155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027-4600 | X                                |

Signatures

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Robert A. Bassett,<br>Attorney-in-Fact      | 01/09/2006 |
| <sup>__</sup> Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

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) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.
- (2) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) See Note (1) above.

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