

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
November 18, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 13, 2008

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-50831
(Commission File Number)

1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

63-0589368
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 944-1300

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

Item 3.03 Material Modification of the Rights of Security Holders.

On November 14, 2008, Regions Financial Corporation (the Company) issued and sold, and the United States Department of the Treasury (the U.S. Treasury) purchased, (1) 3,500,000 shares (the Preferred Shares) of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock Series A, liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, and (2) a ten-year warrant (the Warrant) to purchase up to 48,253,677 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), at an exercise price of \$10.88 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$3.5 billion in cash. Cumulative dividends on the Preferred Shares will accrue on the liquidation preference at a rate of 5% per annum for the first five years, and at a rate of 9% per annum thereafter. The securities have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

The securities purchase agreement, dated November 14, 2008 (the Purchase Agreement), between the Company and the U.S. Treasury, pursuant to which the Preferred Shares and the Warrant were sold, limits the payment of dividends on the Common Stock to the current quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share, limits the Company's ability to repurchase its Common Stock, grants the holders of the Preferred Shares, the Warrant and the Common Stock to be issued under the Warrant certain registration rights and subjects the Company to certain of the executive compensation limitations included in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA). You should refer to the documents incorporated herein by reference for a complete description of these limitations.

The Purchase Agreement, the Warrant and the Certificate of Designations relating to the Preferred Shares are exhibits to this Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing summary of certain provisions of these documents is qualified in its entirety by reference thereto.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As a condition to the closing of the transaction, each of the Company's Senior Executive Officers (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) (the Senior Executive Officers), (i) executed a waiver voluntarily waiving any claim against the Treasury or the Company for any changes to such Senior Executive Officer's compensation or benefits that are required to comply with the regulation issued by the U.S. Treasury under the TARP Capital Purchase Program as published in the Federal Register on October 20, 2008 and acknowledging that the regulation may require modification of the compensation, bonus, incentive and other benefit plans, arrangements and policies and agreements (including so-called golden parachute agreements) as they relate to the period the U.S. Treasury holds any equity or debt securities of the Company acquired through the TARP Capital Purchase Program; and (ii) entered

into a letter agreement with the Company amending the Benefit Plans with respect to such Senior Executive Officer as may be necessary, during the period that the U.S. Treasury owns any debt or equity securities of the Company acquired pursuant to the Purchase Agreement or the Warrant, as necessary to comply with Section 111(b) of the EESA.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On November 13, 2008, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware a Certificate of Designations to its Restated Certificate of Incorporation establishing the terms of the Preferred Shares. This Certificate of Designations is an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being filed as part of this Report on Form 8-K:

- 3.1 Certificate of Designations of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, dated November 13, 2008.
- 4.1 Warrant to purchase up to 48,253,677 shares of Common Stock, issued on November 14, 2008
- 4.2 Form of certificate for the Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A.
- 10.1 Letter Agreement, dated November 14, 2008 including the Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms incorporated by reference therein, between the Company and the U.S. Treasury

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John D. Buchanan
Name: John D. Buchanan
Title: Senior Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: November 18, 2008