

ZIONS BANCORPORATION /UT/
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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): December 30, 2009

ZIONS BANCORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Utah
(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-12307
(Commission

87-0227400
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

One South Main, 15th Floor,
Salt Lake City, Utah
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

(801) 524-4787

84133
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

ITEM 3.02 UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

On December 30, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to exchange (the Exchange) \$40,000,000 in principal amount of 5.50% Subordinated Notes due 2015 (the 5.50% Notes) for \$40,000,000 in principal amount of 2009 5.50% Subordinated Notes due 2015 (the 2009 5.50% Notes) held by Jackson National Life Insurance Company (Jackson) pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of December 30, 2009, between the Company and Jackson. Each \$1,000 in principal amount of the 5.50% Notes are convertible into, at the option of the holder, either 40 depositary shares each representing a 1/40th ownership interest in a share of the Company's Series A Floating-Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock) or 40 depositary shares each representing a 1/40th ownership interest in a share of the Company's 9.50% Series C Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock (the Series C Preferred Stock). The 2009 5.50% Notes do not contain this conversion feature. The 5.50% Notes are otherwise identical to the 2009 5.50% Notes. The Exchange Agreement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the Exchange is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Exchange Agreement.

The Exchange was conducted in reliance on Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). No commission or other remuneration was paid or given directly or indirectly in connection with the Exchange. As a result, the Exchange was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Any depositary shares issued upon conversion, whether representing the Series A Preferred Stock or the Series C Preferred Stock, up to a total of 1,600,000 depositary shares representing either the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series C Preferred Stock, or some combination thereof, will be issued in reliance on the exemption provided in Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act.

Settlement is expected to occur in January 2010.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit 99.1 Exchange Agreement, dated December 30, 2009, between the Company and Jackson National Life Insurance Company.

SIGNATURES

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

Zions Bancorporation

Date: January 5, 2010

By: /s/ THOMAS E. LAURSEN
Thomas E. Laursen

Executive Vice President and

General Counsel