

Discover Financial Services
Form 8-K
February 09, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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): January 26, 2015

DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-33378

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

36-2517428
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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2500 Lake Cook Road, Riverwoods, Illinois 60015

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(224) 405-0900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 8.01. Other Events.

On January 26, 2015, each of the executives of Discover Financial Services (the Company) listed in the table below adopted a pre-arranged stock trading plan (Plan) providing for the sale of previously issued shares of common stock of the Company. None of the executives has previously sold securities under a pre-arranged trading plan at the Company.

Sales of shares under the Plans are intended to help diversify the personal investment holdings of the executives and are expected to occur on a monthly basis for one year beginning in May 2015, subject to a minimum price threshold. Each executive currently holds shares of common stock of the Company well in excess of the Company's executive stock ownership guidelines, which require the executives to hold shares equivalent to a certain number of times their base salaries. As set forth below, assuming all shares under each Plan are sold, each executive's holdings would continue to remain well in excess of these guidelines.

The Plans were established under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Company's policies regarding transactions by Company executives in the Company's securities. The executives retain no discretion over purchases or sales under the Plans, and the transactions are executed through brokers on or after specified dates. Amendments or modifications to the Plans are not permitted. The transactions will be disclosed publicly in Form 144 and Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Executive	Maximum Total Shares to be Sold under Plan	Required Minimum Stock Ownership¹	Stock Ownership, Assuming Sale of all Plan Shares²
David W. Nelms	360,000	7x	95x
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer			
Roger C. Hochschild	240,000	5x	68x
President and Chief Operating Officer			
Kathryn McNamara Corley	48,000	3x	26x
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary			
Carlos M. Minetti	96,000	3x	24x
Executive Vice President, President Consumer Banking			
Diane E. Offereins	108,000	3x	27x
Executive Vice President, President Payment Services			
Harit Talwar	84,000	3x	22x
Executive Vice President, President U.S. Cards			

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- ¹ As a multiple of each executive's base salary.
- ² As a multiple of each executive's base salary. Calculated from ownership totals as of February 6, 2015. The shares counted in the calculations include outstanding shares, unvested/unissued restricted stock unit awards and shares held pursuant to employee benefit plans. Multiples are calculated based on the 10-day average market stock price as of February 6, 2015.

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.

DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES

Dated: February 9, 2015

By: /s/ D. Christopher Greene

Name: D. Christopher Greene

Title: Vice President, Deputy General Counsel

and Assistant Secretary