

DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 10, 2007

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 10, 2007**

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**DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13578**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0633413**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**3501 Jamboree Road**  
**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**92660**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 854-0300**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 10, 2007, Downey Financial Corp. issued a press release regarding the expected impact of the housing environment to its third quarter 2007 results of operations. A copy of the press release is furnished as exhibit 99.1 of this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**99.1** Press release dated October 10, 2007 reporting housing environment impact.

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**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.

**DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP.**  
(Registrant)

Date: October 10, 2007

By           /s/ Brian E. Côté            
Brian E. Côté  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT**  
**NUMBER**

**DESCRIPTION**

**99.1**

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