

HOPE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2016

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): December 29, 2016

HOPE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-50245 95-4849715

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)  
of incorporation)

3200 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA 90010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (213) 387-3200.

N/A

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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 December 29, 2016, the Company issued a news release concerning its branch optimization plan that includes a second and final phase of branch consolidations to be completed by the second quarter of 2017. A copy of the December 29, 2016 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

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99.1 Hope Bancorp, Inc. news release dated December 29, 2016 concerning the second and final phase of the Company's branch consolidation plan.

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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.

Hope Bancorp, Inc.

Date: December 29, 2016 /s/ Douglas J. Goddard  
Douglas J. Goddard  
Chief Financial Officer

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