

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP
Form 8-K
November 17, 2009

**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) **November 17, 2009**

Simmons First National Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-06253
(Commission File Number)

71-0407808
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
(Address of principal executive offices) **71601**
(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(870) 541-1000**

(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:

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- 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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 17, 2009, the Company announced that it raised \$64.925 million pursuant to its previously announced public offering through the sale of 2,650,000 shares of common stock at \$24.50 per share. Net proceeds to the Company after deducting the underwriting discount and

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estimated offering expenses of approximately \$3.5 million, are expected to be approximately \$61.4 million.

A copy of the related press release dated November 17, 2009, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated November 17, 2009

SIGNATURE

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

Simmons First National Corporation

(Registrant)

/s/ ROBERT A. FEHLMAN

November 17, 2009

(Date)

Robert A. Fehlman

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

99.1 Press release dated November 17, 2009