

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

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

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Cathay General Bancorp (the “Company”) has posted on its website www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com a summary of the results of the annual stress test that it conducted for the Company and its subsidiary, Cathay Bank, as required by the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. That summary is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Information contained on the Company’s website, directly or through links, is not incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information contained in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is intended to be furnished only, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and may only be incorporated by reference into another filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, if such subsequent filing specifically references Item 7.01, or such Exhibit, of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test Results Disclosure dated October 26, 2016

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: October 26, 2016

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen
 Heng W. Chen
 Executive Vice President and
 Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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