

COMERICA INC /NEW/
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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): March 11, 2015

COMERICA INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-10706 (Commission File Number) | 38-1998421 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
| Comerica Bank Tower 1717 Main Street, MC 6404 Dallas, Texas 75201 (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code) | | |
| (214) 462-6831 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | | |

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 11, 2015, Comerica Incorporated (“Comerica”) issued a press release announcing that after the Federal Reserve had completed its 2015 Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review (“CCAR”), it did not object to the Comerica capital plan and capital distributions contemplated in the plan. Comerica’s capital plan provides for an increase in the Company’s quarterly dividend to \$0.21 per common share, a 5 percent increase over the current dividend rate, which will be considered by the Board of Directors of Comerica at its next scheduled meeting on April 28, 2015, and for equity repurchases up to \$393 million for the five-quarter period commencing in the second quarter 2015 and ending in the second quarter 2016. The reacquired shares will be held as treasury shares and may be used for various corporate purposes, including to offset issuances of common shares under Comerica’s compensation plans. The timing and ultimate amount of equity repurchases will be consistent with Comerica’s capital plan and will be subject to various factors, including Comerica’s capital position, financial performance and market conditions. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1 hereto) is being “furnished” and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Forward Looking Statements

Any statements in this filing that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “contemplates,” “feels,” “expects,” “estimates,” “seeks,” “strives,” “plans,” “intends,” “outlook,” “forecast,” “position,” “target,” “mission,” “assume,” “achievable,” “potential,” “aspiration,” “opportunity,” “initiative,” “outcome,” “continue,” “remain,” “maintain,” “on course,” “trend,” “objective,” “look,” “projects,” “models” and variations of such words and similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” “might,” “can,” “may” or similar expressions, as they relate to Comerica or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are predicated on the beliefs and assumptions of Comerica’s management based on information known to Comerica’s management as of the date of this filing and do not purport to speak as of any other date. Forward-looking statements may include descriptions of plans and objectives of Comerica’s management for future or past operations, products or services, and forecasts of Comerica’s revenue, earnings or other measures of economic performance, including statements of profitability, business segments and subsidiaries, estimates of credit trends and global stability. Such statements reflect the view of Comerica’s management as of this date with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Should one or more of these risks materialize or should underlying beliefs or assumptions prove incorrect, Comerica’s actual results could differ materially from those discussed. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences are changes in general economic, political or industry conditions; changes in monetary and fiscal policies, including changes in interest rates; changes in regulation or oversight; Comerica’s ability to maintain adequate sources of funding and liquidity; the effects of more stringent capital or liquidity requirements; declines or other changes in the businesses or industries of Comerica’s customers, including the energy industry; operational difficulties, failure of technology infrastructure or information security incidents; reliance on other companies to provide certain key components of business infrastructure; factors impacting noninterest expenses which are beyond Comerica’s control; changes in the financial markets, including fluctuations in interest rates and their impact on deposit pricing; changes in Comerica’s credit rating; unfavorable developments concerning credit quality; the interdependence of financial service companies; the implementation of Comerica’s strategies and business initiatives; Comerica’s ability to utilize technology to efficiently and effectively develop, market and deliver new products and services; competitive product and pricing pressures among financial institutions within Comerica’s markets; changes in customer behavior; any future strategic acquisitions or divestitures; management’s ability to maintain and expand customer relationships; management’s ability to retain key officers and employees; the impact of legal and regulatory proceedings or determinations; the effectiveness of methods of reducing risk exposures; the effects of terrorist activities and other hostilities; the effects of catastrophic events including, but not limited to, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, droughts and floods; changes in accounting standards and the critical nature of Comerica’s accounting policies.

Comerica cautions that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. For discussion of factors that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In particular, please refer to “Item 1A. Risk Factors” beginning on page 12 of Comerica's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Comerica does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect facts, circumstances, assumptions or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. For any forward-looking statements made in this filing or in any documents, Comerica claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 11, 2015

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.

COMERICA INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Jon W. Bilstrom
Name: Jon W. Bilstrom
Executive Vice President - Governance,
Title: Regulatory Relations and Legal Affairs, and
Secretary

March 11, 2015

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