

SOUTH STATE Corp  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2015

**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 16, 2015**

**SOUTH STATE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Carolina**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-12669**  
(Commission File Number)

**57-0799315**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**520 Gervais Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**29201**  
(Zip Code)

**(800) 277-2175**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On November 16, 2015, South State Corporation (the Company) entered into a third amendment to the Credit Agreement (the Agreement) with U.S. Bank National Association (the Lender) dated October 28, 2013. The Agreement provides for a \$20 million unsecured line of credit by the Lender to the Company. The maturity date of the Agreement is November 15, 2016, provided that the Agreement may be extended subject to the approval of the Lender.

Borrowings by the Company under the Agreement will bear interest at a rate per annum equal to 1.75% plus the one-month LIBOR rate quoted by the Lender from Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page or any successor thereto, as described in further detail in the Agreement. For a period of not less than 30 consecutive days during each 12-month period of the Agreement, the Company must prepay so much of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of loans as is necessary to reduce the aggregate outstanding amount of loans to an amount equal to \$0 at all times during such 30-day period. The Company currently has no outstanding loans under the Agreement.

Under the terms of the Agreement, each quarter the Company is required to pay an unused commitment fee based upon the average principal balance outstanding during any calendar quarter. As the average balance outstanding increases, the unused commitment fee decreases. Assuming the entire line of credit remains unused for the period of this agreement (364 days), the Company would pay the Lender \$55,000 in an unused fee. This would be the maximum paid annually.

The Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and events of default, including, without limitation, financial covenants requiring that the Company maintain (i) a total risk-based capital ratio not less than 11.5% as of the last day of any fiscal quarter, (ii) a well-capitalized status at all times, (iii) a non-acquired non-performing assets to tangible capital ratio equal to or less than 18%, and (iv) net income, excluding gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments or other capital assets (other than transactions in the ordinary course of business) and excluding gains or expenses on acquisitions arising from the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, of at least \$10.0 million for each fiscal quarter thereafter.

The foregoing summary of the amendment does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

The relevant disclosure set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated herein by reference in response to this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 10.1               | Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2013, by and between First Financial Holdings, Inc., as borrower, and U.S. Bank National Association, as lender (filed as Exhibit 10.1 of First Financial Holdings, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 29, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference)  |
| 10.2               | Amendment No. 1, dated as of October 27, 2014, to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2013, by and between South State Corporation, as borrower, and U. S. Bank National Association, as lender (filed as Exhibit 10.2 of South State Corporation s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 31, 2014, and incorporated herein by reference)                   |
| 10.3               | Amendment No. 2, dated November 5, 2015, executed an amendment to its credit agreement with the Lender, U. S. Bank National Association to extend its \$20.0 million unsecured line of credit through November 15, 2015 (filed under Item 5, Other information, of South State Corporation s Form 10-Q, filed on November 6, 2015, and incorporated herein by reference) |

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10.4 Amendment No. 3, dated as of November 16, 2015, to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2013, by and between South State Corporation, as borrower, and U.S. Bank National Association, as lender

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.

SOUTH STATE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: November 20, 2015

/s/ John C. Pollok  
John C. Pollok  
Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Operating Officer

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