

ASSURANT INC
Form 8-K
October 05, 2011

**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): 10/05/2011

Assurant, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-31978

DE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

39-1126612
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, 41st Floor
New York, New York 10005
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 859-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

Assurant, Inc. (the "Company") has estimated the reportable catastrophe losses incurred for the months of July, August and September 2011 to be in the range of \$80 million to \$85 million, pre-tax and net of reinsurance. Of this amount, \$65 million to \$70 million is related to Hurricane Irene. Reportable loss events for the third quarter included Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and the wildfires in Texas. The principal causes of loss for these events were wind and water damage, followed by flood.

The estimate of reportable catastrophe losses includes only individual catastrophic events that generated losses to the Company in excess of \$5 million, pre-tax and net of reinsurance. Actual reportable catastrophe losses for the quarter will be reported in the third quarter 2011 earnings release scheduled for October 26, 2011 after 4:00 p.m. ET.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT -- Some of the statements included in this Form 8-K, particularly estimated reportable catastrophe losses, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on management's best estimates, assumptions and projections and are subject to significant uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements in this Form 8-K as a result of new information or future events or developments. For a detailed discussion of the general risk factors that could affect the Company's results, please refer to the risk factors identified in the Company's annual and periodic reports, including but not limited to its 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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.

Assurant, Inc.

Date: October 05, 2011

By: /s/ Stephen W. Gauster

Stephen W. Gauster
Senior Vice President, Chief Corporate Counsel and Assistant
Secretary