

POPULAR INC
Form 8-K
November 21, 2008

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 18, 2008

Popular, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

0-13818

66-0667416

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVE, POPULAR
CENTER BUILDING, HATO REY , Puerto
Rico

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-765-9800

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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.

On November 18, 2008, Popular, Inc. issued a news release announcing that it has received preliminary approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury") to participate in its Capital Purchase Program ("CPP") under the Troubled Assets Relief Program ("TARP"). As a result, the Corporation expects that Treasury will purchase \$950 million newly issued shares of the Corporation's preferred equity stock. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Press release dated November 18, 2008.

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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.

Popular, Inc.

November 21, 2008

By: Ileana Gonzalez

Name: Ileana Gonzalez

Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release dated November 18, 2008 |