

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

November 18, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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 17, 2008

**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of

0-27428  
(Commission File No.)

22-3412577  
(IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

975 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08753

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)240-4500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 140.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On November 17, 2008, OceanFirst Financial Corp. issued a press release announcing that it filed a non-binding application to participate in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program. This press release is furnished in this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in the press release shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated November 17, 2008 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 hereof)

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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

/S/ Michael Fitzpatrick  
Michael Fitzpatrick  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 18, 2008