

KEYCORP /NEW/
Form 8-K
March 25, 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): March 25, 2011
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)
001-11302
(Commission File Number)**

OHIO **34-6542451**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

**127 Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1306
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
(216) 689-3000
(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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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 25, 2011, KeyCorp entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the Settlement Agreement) with the plaintiffs in the purported shareholders derivative action captioned *In re KeyCorp Derivative Litigation*, Lead Case No. 1:10-cv-01786-DAP, currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, KeyCorp will implement the corporate governance enhancements previously adopted by the Board of Directors and will adopt certain agreed-upon implementation steps in connection with those enhancements. In addition, as part of the proposed settlement, the exercise period for options granted to Henry Meyer, KeyCorp s current Chief Executive Officer, with an effective date of June 12, 2009 and original expiration date of June 12, 2019, will be shortened to expire on April 30, 2015.

The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the United States District Court. If the Court gives its approval to the Settlement Agreement, the derivative litigation will be dismissed with prejudice.

Additional information concerning the proposed terms of the settlement is contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the Settlement Agreement set forth in this report is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual terms of the Settlement Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.3 contains the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action (the Notice). The Notice will also be posted and available for viewing on KeyCorp s website (www.key.com). Shareholders should read the notice for more information.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated March 25, 2011.

99.2 Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement.

99.3 Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action.

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.

KEYCORP
(Registrant)

Date: March 25, 2011

/s/ Paul N. Harris
By: Paul N. Harris
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary