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HomeStreet, Inc.
Form 8-K
March 21, 2013

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 18, 2013

HomeStreet, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35424

(Commission

File Number)

91-0186600

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

601 Union Street, Ste. 2000, Seattle, WA 98101

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(206) 623-3050

(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))

Item 4.01 Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

In January 2013, the Registrant's Audit Committee determined that it would solicit proposals and pursue a competitive bidding process for external audit services as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013. On March 18, 2013 KPMG LLP was notified of the Audit Committee's decision to dismiss KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditor. The reports of KPMG LLP on the financial statements of the Company as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty or audit scope, but the 2011 report did contain an explanatory paragraph related to the application of a new accounting principle.

There were no disagreements with KPMG LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and through March 18, 2013, which disagreements, if not resolved to KPMG LLP's satisfaction, would have caused KPMG LLP to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in its report on the Registrant's financial statements for such years.

There were no reportable events pursuant to Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and through March 18, 2013.

The Registrant provided KPMG LLP with a copy of this disclosure and requested that KPMG LLP furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. A copy of KPMG LLP's letter, dated March 21, 2013, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 16.1 Letter from KPMG LLP

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.

Date: March 21, 2013.

HomeStreet, Inc.

By: /s/ Godfrey B. Evans

Godfrey B. Evans

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative

Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary