

First Foundation Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2016  
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): December 9, 2016

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware                     | 001-36461    | 20-8639702             |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission  | (IRS Employer          |
| of incorporation)            | File Number) | Identification Number) |

18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700

Irvine, California 92612

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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(949) 202-4160

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- 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 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 9, 2016, First Foundation Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of First Foundation Inc. (the “Company”), completed its previously announced acquisition of two branches located in Laguna Hills and Seal Beach, California, from Pacific Western Bank (the “Transaction”). As a result of the Transaction, First Foundation Bank acquired approximately \$180 million of deposits. No loans were included in the Transaction.

The Company issued a press release on December 12, 2016, announcing the completion of the Transaction. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 12, 2016. |
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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.

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

Date: December 12, 2016    By: /s/ JOHN M. MICHEL  
John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | No.                                    | Description |
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