

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
June 16, 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): June 9, 2016**

**WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**001-32550**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**88-0365922**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**One E. Washington Street, Suite 1400**

**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**85004**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 389-3500**

**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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 16, 2016, Western Alliance Bancorporation (the Company) closed its public offering of \$175 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.25% Subordinated Debentures due 2056 (the Debentures). The Debentures were offered pursuant to the prospectus supplement dated June 9, 2016 to the prospectus dated May 7, 2015, filed as part of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-203959) that became effective when filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2015.

The terms of the Debentures are set forth in the Subordinated Debt Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2016 (the Indenture), as supplemented and amended by the First Supplemental Indenture to Subordinated Debt Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2016 (the Supplemental Indenture), each between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

In connection with the offer and sale of the Debentures, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement, dated June 9, 2016, with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as managers of the several underwriters named on Schedule II thereto (the Underwriting Agreement).

Copies of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture, the Supplemental Indenture and the form of global debenture are filed as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated June 9, 2016, by and among the Company and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as managers of the several underwriters named on Schedule II thereto.
- 4.1 Subordinated Debt Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2016, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
- 4.2 First Supplemental Indenture to Subordinated Debt Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2016, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
- 4.3 Form of Global Debenture (included in Exhibit 4.2).
- 5.1 Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP regarding the validity of the Debentures.
- 8.1 Tax Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP.
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
- 23.1 Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

**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.

**WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION**

By: /s/ Dale Gibbons

Name: Dale Gibbons

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 16, 2016

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