MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC Form 8-K July 08, 2014

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): July 7, 2014

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Massachusetts (State or Other Jurisdiction) of Incorporation) 001-33898 (Commission File No.) 20-4652200 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

67 Prospect Street, Peabody, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

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

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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 July 7, 2014, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, announced that Meridian Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation, had commenced a syndicated community offering in connection with the mutual-to-stock conversion of Meridian Financial Services, Incorporated, and also announced preliminary results of the subscription and community offering.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99 | Press release dated July 7, 2014 |

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.

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: July 8, 2014 By: /s/ Mark L. Abbate

Mark L. Abbate

Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial

Officer