

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
December 01, 2008

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): November 26, 2008

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.)

10 Meridian Street, East Boston,
Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02128
(Zip Code)

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

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 November 26, 2008, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. (the “Registrant”) announced the adoption of a repurchase program for up to 414,000 shares of the Registrant’s common stock. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibit 99

Press release dated November 26, 2008

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: December 1, 2008

By: \s\ Leonard V. Siuda
Leonard V. Siuda
Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Press release dated November 26, 2008