

ITRON INC /WA/
Form 8-K
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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

December 5, 2017
Date of Report
(Date of Earliest
Event Reported)

ITRON, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-22418 (Commission File No.)	91-1011792 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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2111 N. Molter Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99019
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(509) 924-9900
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

In connection with its financing activities, Itron Inc. (“Itron”) is disclosing certain information, including certain pro forma financial information, to certain potential investors. Pursuant to Regulation FD, Itron is furnishing such information as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01 and the exhibit attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 are being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly stated by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 5, 2017, Itron issued a press release announcing the commencement of a private offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2025 (the “Notes”), subject to market and other conditions. The offering of the Notes is part of the financing of the merger consideration for the previously announced acquisition of Silver Spring Networks, Inc. (“SSNI”) by Itron. The Notes will be jointly and severally guaranteed by each of Itron’s subsidiaries that guarantees Itron’s obligations under its senior credit facilities. On the date the Notes are issued, there will be no guarantors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. The Notes and the related guarantees will not be registered under the Securities Act, or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction, and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

This report does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any security. No offer, solicitation, or sale will be made in any jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
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<u>99.1</u>	<u>Information distributed to certain investors*</u>
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<u>99.2</u>	<u>Press Released dated December 5, 2017*</u>
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* These exhibits are intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of the Exchange Act

This report may contain “forward-looking” statements, as defined in federal securities laws including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which are based on our current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about beliefs, plans and expectations are forward-looking statements. Statements that include words such as “anticipates”, “expects”, “intends”, “plans”, “predicts”, “believes”, “seeks”, “estimates”, “may”, “will”, “should”, “would”, “potential”, “continue”, “goals”, “targets” and variations of (or negatives of these words) or similar expressions of a future or forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements

are based on current expectations and are subject to a number of risks, factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Important factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements include, without limitation: the risk that SSNI's stockholders do not approve the transaction; uncertainties as to the timing of the transaction; the parties' ability to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the merger; the impact of indebtedness incurred by Itron in connection with the transaction and the potential impact on the rating of indebtedness of Itron; legal proceedings that may be instituted against Itron or SSNI and others following announcement of the proposed transaction; the effects of the business combination of Itron and SSNI, including the combined company's future financial condition, operating results, strategy and plans.

SIGNATURE

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.

ITRON, INC.

By: /s/ Shannon M. Votava

Dated: December 5, 2017

Shannon M. Votava

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary