UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP Form 8-K March 15, 2012

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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 15, 2012

(Date of earliest event reported)

Umpqua Holdings Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

OREGON

<u>000-25597</u>

<u>93-1261319</u>

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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One SW Columbia Street, Suite 1200

Portland, Oregon 97258

(address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(503) 727-4100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 8.01 Other Information

On March 15, 2012, Umpqua Holdings Corporation announced that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per common share. The dividend is payable on April 13, 2012 to shareholders of record as of March 30, 2012.

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.

UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Andrew H. Ognall

Dated: March 15, 2012 Andrew H. Ognall

Assistant Secretary