FLOWERS FOODS INC Form 8-K October 21, 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): October 21, 2016 (October 20, 2016)

FLOWERS FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia 1-16247 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission **58-2582379** (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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1919 Flowers Circle, Thomasville, GA

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (229) 226-9110

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 20, 2016, Flowers Foods, Inc. (the Company) became aware of an analyst report of BMO Capital Markets published on October 20, 2016, which stated that the Company had reiterated its confidence in resolving outstanding legal issues without a material impact on its earnings and operations—at the recent National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) Conference. This statement does not reflect the Company—s position on its outstanding lawsuits. As previously disclosed, the Company and/or its respective subsidiaries are vigorously defending these lawsuits. Given the stage of the complaints and the claims and issues presented, the Company cannot reasonably estimate at this time the possible loss or range of loss, if any, that may arise from the unresolved lawsuits. For additional information regarding these lawsuits, the Company directs investors to the disclosure previously made in its most recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

FLOWERS FOODS, INC.

By: /s/ R. Steve Kinsey Name: R. Steve Kinsey

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 21, 2016