ALTRIA GROUP, INC. Form 8-K March 02, 2017

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): February 24, 2017

ALTRIA GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia1-0894013-3260245(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)6601 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia23230(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 274-2200

(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: o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 24, 2017, Thomas W. Jones, a director of Altria Group, Inc. (the "Company") since 2002, notified the Company of his decision to retire from service on its Board of Directors following the completion of his current term. Consequently, Mr. Jones will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which is presently anticipated to be held on May 18, 2017.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

In connection with Mr. Jones's decision to retire, the Company issued a press release on March 2, 2017, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K. In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document. Item 9.01.Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d)Exhibits

99.1 Altria Group, Inc. Press Release, dated March 2, 2017 (furnished under Item 7.01)

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. ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ W. HILDEBRANDT SURGNER, JR.

Name: W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr.

Title: Corporate Secretary and Senior Assistant General Counsel

DATE: March 2, 2017

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