

UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2008

**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: December 19, 2008  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**Umpqua Holdings Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**000-25597**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**93-1261319**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**One SW Columbia, Suite 1200  
Portland, Oregon 97258**  
(address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(503) 727-4100**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Information.**

On December 19, 2008, Umpqua Holdings Corporation announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share, payable on January 15, 2009 to shareholders of record as of December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.  
(b) Not applicable.  
(c) Not applicable.

- (d) Exhibits.  
99.1 Press Release

**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)

Dated: December 19, 2008

By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts  
Kenneth E. Roberts  
Assistant Secretary

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