UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP Form 8-K December 14, 2018

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 14, 2018 (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 Street, 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:

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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. []

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 14, 2018, Umpqua Holdings Corporation announced that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.21 per common share. The dividend is payable on January 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of December 31, 2018.

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: December 14, 2018 Andrew H. Ognall Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary