

FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST
Form 8-K
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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): November 4, 2016

Federal Realty Investment Trust
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-07533
(Commission

File Number)
1626 East Jefferson Street

52-0782497
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Rockville, Maryland 20852-4041

(301) 998-8100

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 4, 2016, Federal Realty Investment Trust (the Company) entered into new Equity Distribution Agreements (the New Agreements) with each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Wells Fargo), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Merrill Lynch), and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (collectively the Agents), under which the Company may issue and sell, from time to time, up to \$400,000,000 aggregate offering price of its common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (Shares), through the Agents, acting as agents and/or principals. The New Agreements replace the existing Equity Distribution Agreements dated May 11, 2015 (the Prior Agreements) with Wells Fargo and Merrill Lynch, and no further issuances or sales may be made under the Prior Agreements. The Company issued and sold approximately \$257,600,000 aggregate offering price of Shares of the \$300,000,000 approved under the Prior Agreements. Accordingly, the New Agreements reflect an incremental increase of approximately \$357,600,000 aggregate offering price of Shares over what remained under the Prior Agreements.

Sales of Shares, if any, under the New Agreements will be made in transactions that are deemed to be at the market offerings, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange, or in negotiated transactions, which may include block trades. The Company will pay the Agents compensation for sales of Shares at a mutually agreed rate that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2.0% of the gross sales price of the Shares. Under the New Agreements, the Company may also sell Shares to the Agents for their own account.

The New Agreements are filed as Exhibits 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the material terms of the New Agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Equity Distribution Agreement, dated November 4, 2016 between Federal Realty Investment Trust and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC |
| 1.2 | Equity Distribution Agreement, dated November 4, 2016 between Federal Realty Investment Trust and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated |
| 1.3 | Equity Distribution Agreement, dated November 4, 2016 between Federal Realty Investment Trust and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP relating to legality of the Shares |
| 8.1 | Opinion of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP relating to certain tax matters |
| 23.1 | Consents of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (contained in the opinions filed as Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1 hereto) |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

Date: November 4, 2016

By: /s/ Dawn M. Becker
Dawn M. Becker
Executive Vice President-General Counsel and
Secretary