

US BANCORP \DE\  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2012

**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): March 13, 2012**

**U.S. BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-6880**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0255900**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (651) 466-3000**

**Not Applicable**  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 13, 2012, U.S. Bancorp announced that the Federal Reserve did not object to the capital actions included in its 2012 capital plan submitted as part of the Annual Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review and that its board of directors had approved an increase in the dividend rate on U.S. Bancorp common stock to \$0.78 on an annualized basis, or \$0.195 on a quarterly basis. A quarterly common stock dividend of \$0.195 per common share is payable on April 16, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 30, 2012. U.S. Bancorp also announced that the board of directors had approved an authorization to repurchase up to 100 million shares of its outstanding common stock. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 13, 2012

**SIGNATURE**

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.

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Lee R. Mitau  
Lee R. Mitau  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

Date: March 14, 2012