

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC
Form 8-K
March 07, 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 5, 2012

Washington Federal, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-34654 (Commission File Number) | 91-1661606 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code) | | |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930 | | |
| 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 5, 2012, Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Company") announced by press release that it had entered into an agreement to sell its two branches in El Paso, Texas to Pioneer Bank of Roswell, New Mexico. A copy of the Company's press release is attached to this filing 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 dated March 5, 2012.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 7, 2012

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL
Brent J. Beardall
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer