SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. Form 8-K January 04, 2017

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): January 4, 2017

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 001-35883 27-1220297 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9205 South Park Center Loop, Suite 400

Orlando, Florida 32819

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (407) 226-5011

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 4, 2017, SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") announced that, effective as of January 3, 2017, Denise Godreau joined the Company as the Chief Marketing Officer.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company relating to this announcement is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release of SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc., dated January 4, 2017.

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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.

SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Date: January 4, 2017 By: /s/ G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor

Name: G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor

Title: Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary