First Foundation Inc. Form 8-K September 28, 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 Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 28, 2018

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware001-3646120-8639702(State or other jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employerof incorporation)File Number)Identification Number)

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18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700Irvine, California92612(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(949) 202-4160

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange 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.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 28, 2018, First Foundation Inc. announced that it has completed a loan securitization transaction with Freddie Mac.

A copy of the press release announcing the consummation of the loan securitization transaction is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ItemFinancial Statements and Exhibits.9.01ExhibitExhibitDescription

99.1 Press Release dated September 28, 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.

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

Date: September 28, 2018 /s/ JOHN MICHEL

By:

John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer