

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2016

**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): December 19, 2016**

**Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**001-36152**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-3109565**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification Number)**

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**2030 Main Street, Suite 1500**

**Irvine, California 92614**

**(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 526-8700**

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 19, 2016, Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that Judith J. Robertson joined the Company as Chief Commercial Officer. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

The information in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the information in this Item 7.01 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this Item 7.01 is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that this information is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press Release dated December 19, 2016.

**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.

**AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Date: December 19, 2016

By: /s/ Richard J. Rubino  
Richard J. Rubino  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|----------------|--|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated December 19, 2016. |