PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K October 25, 2013

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) October 25, 2013

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-16197

22-3537895 (I.R.S. (Commission Employer

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of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

500 Hills Drive, Suite 300, Bedminster, New Jersey07921(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (908) 234-0700

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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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the press release of the Corporation dated October 25, 2013 announcing the record date of its rights offering of common stock.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Title

99.1 Press release dated October 25, 2013

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.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: October 25, 2013 By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey J. Carfora</u> Name: Jeffrey J. Carfora Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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