

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

May 23, 2014

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): May 20, 2014

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Massachusetts
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

001-33898
(Commission

20-4652200
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File No.)

Identification No.)

67 Prospect Street, Peabody, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01960
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

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):

- ☒ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 20, 2014, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, announced that Meridian Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation, had commenced its stock offering in connection with the mutual-to-stock conversion of Meridian Financial Services, Incorporated. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 99 | Press release dated May 20, 2014 |

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.

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: May 23, 2014

By: /s/ Mark L. Abbate
Mark L. Abbate
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer