

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

May 05, 2015

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): May 4, 2015

Chemical Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as

Specified in its Charter)

Michigan

(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

000-08185

(Commission

File Number)

38-2022454

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

235 E. Main Street

Midland, Michigan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48640

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (989) 839-5350

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Chemical Financial Corporation ("Chemical") and Lake Michigan Financial Corporation ("Lake Michigan") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement") between Chemical and Lake Michigan, dated as of January 5, 2015, pursuant to which Lake Michigan will merge with and into Chemical (the "Merger"). The Merger Agreement is described in more detail in Chemical's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 6, 2015.

Chemical has received regulatory approval of the Merger from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. At a Special Meeting of Shareholders of Lake Michigan held on May 4, 2015, Lake Michigan's shareholders approved the Merger Agreement. Completion of the Merger remains subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

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.

Dated: May 5, 2015

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala
Lori A. Gwizdala
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer