

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
August 24, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
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**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): August 20, 2009  
**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Florida

34-027228

65-0507804

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida

33309

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 954-940-5000

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):

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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 August 20, 2009, BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release in which it announced the material terms of its previously announced rights offering of up to \$100 million of its Class A Common Stock to its shareholders of record as of August 24, 2009. A copy of the Company's press release relating to the rights offering is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

*Matters discussed in this Current Report on Form 8-K contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), that involve substantial risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the risk that, because of business, economic or market conditions or for any other reasons within the Company's discretion, the Company may decide not to pursue the rights offering on the terms proposed, if at all, and that the rights offering may not be consummated. In addition to the risks and uncertainties identified above, reference is also made to other risks and uncertainties detailed in reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company cautions that the foregoing risks and uncertainties are not exclusive.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated August 20, 2009

**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.

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.

Date: August 24, 2009

By: /s/ Valerie C. Toalson  
Name: Valerie C. Toalson  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
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