

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2011

**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 19, 2011

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-31566  
(Commission File No.)

42-1547151  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000

07306-4599  
(Zip Code)

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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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 19, 2011, The Provident Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that The Provident Bank agreed to acquire Beacon Trust Company and Beacon Global Asset Management, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
  
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
  
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
  
- (d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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**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.

**PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**

DATE: May 23, 2011

By: /s/ Christopher Martin  
Christopher Martin  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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