First Financial Northwest, Inc. Form 8-K October 26, 2018 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, 2018

<u>First Financial Northwest, Inc.</u> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington State or other jurisdiction of incorporation		
201 Wells Avenue South, Renton, Washington (Address of principal executive offices)		98057 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code) (425) 255-4400

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.

гэ	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR
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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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this

chapter).

Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

Item 8.01 Other Events

First Financial Northwest, Inc. (the "Company") announced on October 25, 2018 that the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per share on the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. The dividend will be paid on December 14, 2018 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on November 30, 2018. The Company also announced that the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 550,000 shares of the Company's common stock, or approximately 5.0% of its outstanding shares. The repurchase will be conducted by a pre-arranged stock trading plan for the purpose of repurchasing a limited number of shares of the Company's common stock in accordance with guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The press release announcing the dividend is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed herewith and this list shall constitute the exhibit index:

99.1 Press Release of First Financial Northwest, Inc. dated October 25, 2018.

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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.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC.

DATE: October 26, 2018 By: <u>/s/Richard P. Jacobson</u> Richard P. Jacobson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer