

Section 1: 8-K (FORM 8-K)

**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): November 13, 2008

Bank of Commerce Holdings

California	0-25135	94-2823865
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
1901 Churn Creek Road Redding, California		96002
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (530) 772-3955

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
Common Stock, no par value per share

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 142-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4© under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's class of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. November 12, 2008
8,711,495

Section 8.01 — Other Events

The U.S. Treasury introduced the Capital Purchase program on October 14, 2008, under which the Treasury will make up to \$250 billion in equity capital available to qualifying healthy financial institutions. Bank of Commerce Holdings has qualified for this highly selective program and has received approval for the Treasury to invest \$17.0 million in the Company's preferred stock and common stock warrants.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated November 13, 2008, entitled 'Bank of Commerce Holdings to participate in U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program'

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.

November 13, 2008

/s/ Linda J. Miles

By: Linda J. Miles
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Section 2: EX-99.1 (EX-99.1)

Exhibit 99.1

Bank of Commerce Holdings™ to participate in U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program

REDDING, California, November 13, 2008/ PR Newswire— Patrick J. Moty, President & CEO of Bank of Commerce Holdings (NASDAQ:BOCH), a \$650 million financial services holding company, and parent company of Redding Bank of Commerce™, Roseville Bank of Commerce™, Sutter Bank of Commerce™ and Bank of Commerce Mortgage™ today announced that the Company has obtained approval of its application for the United States Treasury to invest approximately \$17.0 million in the Company's preferred stock and common stock warrants.

The U.S. Treasury introduced the Capital Purchase Program on October 14, 2008, under which the Treasury will make up to \$250 billion in equity capital available to *qualifying* healthy financial institutions. Bank of Commerce Holdings has qualified for this highly selective program and has received approval.

The investment is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2008. The preferred stock will earn a 5% dividend for the first five years.

"The additional capital will further enhance the Company's already well-capitalized position," said Patrick J. Moty, President and CEO. *"This investment will increase our ability to meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. It also benefits our shareholders by providing the capital base for us to expand our market share in a sound manner and build shareholder value. The program is aimed at **healthy** banks and provides attractive terms to encourage lending and acquisition opportunities."*

The U.S. Treasury introduced the Capital Purchase Program on October 14, 2008. *"We believe the benefits of the capital infusion far outweigh any dilution from the Treasury's equity position"* said Mr. Moty.

For bank regulatory purposes, both Bank of Commerce Holdings and Redding Bank of Commerce are 'well-capitalized' as of September 30, 2008, the most recent reporting date. On a pro-forma basis, if the issuance of the preferred stock had occurred on September 30, 2008, the Company's total risk-based capital would have increased to 14.28% from 11.37%.

The Treasury's term sheet with additional detail about the Capital Purchase Program is available on the Treasury's website at <http://www.ustreas.gov>

Bank of Commerce Holdings, with administrative offices in Redding, California is a financial service holding company that owns Redding Bank of Commerce™, Roseville Bank of Commerce™, Sutter Bank of Commerce™ and Bank of Commerce Mortgage™.

The Company is a federally insured California banking corporation and opened on October 22, 1982.

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BOCH is a NASDAQ National Market listed stock. Please contact your local investment advisor for purchases and sales. Investment firms making a market in BOCH stock are:

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