

PHH CORP
Form 8-K
November 20, 2017

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 20, 2017**

PHH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-7797
(Commission File Number)

52-0551284
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3000 Leadenhall Road
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(856) 917-1744

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(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 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 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.

Fourth Closing of PHH Home Loans Asset Sales

On November 20, 2017, PHH Corporation (the Company) closed the fourth sale of certain assets of PHH Home Loans, LLC (PHH Home Loans) and RMR Financial, LLC (RMR), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PHH Home Loans, to Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC (GRA), a new joint venture formed by subsidiaries of Realogy Corporation (Realogy) and Guaranteed Rate, Inc., pursuant to the asset purchase agreement dated as of February 15, 2017, by and among the Company, PHH Home Loans, RMR and GRA. PHH Home Loans is a joint venture between the Company and Realogy, which provides mortgage origination services for brokers associated with brokerages owned or franchised by Realogy.

The purchase price paid by GRA for the fourth sale was \$14 million (which represents 20% of the total purchase price for the asset sales) and the Company expects to recognize \$7 million of pre-tax gain from the sale, which is net of the portion of the proceeds attributable to Realogy's interest in PHH Home Loans. This fourth asset sale closing included assets related to PHH Home Loans Northeast Region operations.

There is expected to be one remaining sale of assets of PHH Home Loans to GRA, with 20% of the purchase price to be paid at the closing. The remaining closing is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions applicable to such closing, including receipt of certain specified licensing approvals. There can be no assurance that the sale of the remaining assets of PHH Home Loans will close as contemplated, if at all. The Company and GRA are parties to the above-referenced asset purchase agreement. There are no other pre-existing relationships between GRA and the Company.

As previously disclosed, in connection with the PHH Home Loans asset sales, the Company entered into an agreement to purchase Realogy's 49.9% ownership interests in PHH Home Loans, for an amount equal to Realogy's interest in the residual equity of PHH Home Loans after the final closing of the asset sale transactions. At the completion of the above described transactions, the Company expects to monetize its net investment in the PHH Home Loans legal entity. If all of these actions are completed, the Company estimates it will receive total proceeds of approximately \$92 million from the asset sales and subsequent monetization of the Company's net investment in PHH Home Loans.

SIGNATURE

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.

PHH CORPORATION

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| By: | /s/ William Brown | |
| | Name: | William Brown |
| | Title: | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary |

Dated: November 20, 2017