PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC Form 8-K August 15, 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): August 11, 2011

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-31566 (Commission 42-1547151 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File No.)

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239 Washington Street, Jersey City, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code<u>: (732) 590-920</u>0

07302 (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):

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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 11, 2011, The Provident Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that The Provident Bank completed its acquisition of 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.

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99.1 Press release issued by the Company s wholly owned subsidiary, The Provident Bank on August 11, 2011 announcing that The Provident Bank completed its acquisition of Beacon Trust Company and Beacon Global Asset Management, Inc.

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: August 15, 2011

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

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