

SPS COMMERCE INC  
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# 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

February 6, 2012

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

## SPS COMMERCE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of  
Incorporation)

001-34702  
(Commission  
File Number)

41-2015127  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**333 South Seventh Street, Suite 1000**

**Minneapolis, MN**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(612) 435-9400**

**55402**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 6, 2012, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved the following compensation for our named executive officers:

2011 cash incentive payments under our 2011 Management Incentive Plan, or the 2011 MIP;

2012 annual base salaries, effective as of January 1, 2012; and

the 2012 Management Incentive Plan, or the 2012 MIP, and 2012 target cash incentive compensation under the 2012 MIP. Our 2011 cash incentive payments under the 2011 MIP were \$264,600 for Mr. Black, \$128,400 for Ms. Nelson, \$128,400 for Mr. Frome, \$128,400 for Mr. Novak and \$120,600 for Mr. Gray. Our 2012 annual base salaries are \$370,000 for Mr. Black, \$270,000 for Ms. Nelson, \$265,000 for Mr. Frome, \$255,000 for Mr. Novak and \$250,000 for Mr. Gray. The target cash incentive compensation under the 2012 MIP is \$277,500 for Mr. Black, \$135,000 for Ms. Nelson, \$119,250 for Mr. Frome, \$114,750 for Mr. Novak and \$112,500 for Mr. Gray.

*Description of 2012 Management Incentive Plan*

The 2012 Management Incentive Plan provides our named executive officers an opportunity to receive two types of bonuses: a formula-based bonus and a discretionary bonus.

The formula-based bonus is based on the target bonus for each named executive officer established by the compensation committee at the beginning of each year. The compensation committee established the target based on the amount it believes is necessary to provide a competitive overall compensation package in light of each named executive officer's base salary and to motivate our executives to achieve an aggressive level of growth. The amount of the formula-based bonus, if any, actually paid to executives after the end of the year will be determined by a matrix that takes into account our revenues and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and stock-based compensation, or Adjusted EBITDA prior to the payment of the 2012 MIP. The formula-based bonus is based in part on revenues because, given the scalability of our current core business, the compensation committee believes our financial results are driven most significantly by the revenues we generate. The compensation committee also believes formula-based bonuses should be based in part on Adjusted EBITDA prior to payment of the 2012 MIP because Adjusted EBITDA is a useful measure of our operating performance.

The matrix provides that each executive will receive a percentage of his or her target formula-based bonus, between 0% and 145%, based on our revenues and Adjusted EBITDA prior to payment of the 2012 MIP for 2012. For example, for our executives to earn their target bonuses for 2011, we needed to generate revenues of approximately \$55.8 million and Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$5.2 million. If we failed to have either revenues of approximately \$54.8 million or Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$4.4 million, our named executive officers would not have received a formula-based bonus for the year. With some exceptions, the percentage of the target bonus earned between the minimum and the maximum varies in five percentage-point increments based on revenues and Adjusted EBITDA for the year relative to increments established for each metric in the matrix. The target revenues and Adjusted EBITDA will be adjusted during the year by the compensation committee in the event we complete acquisitions, if any, during the year. The compensation committee established the intervals for the matrix with the intent that achieving 100% of an executive's target bonus will be a difficult but achievable goal in light of the prior year's results of operations and anticipated growth for 2012. A reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA is incorporated by reference to the section titled Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures included in our current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 8, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-34702).

The 2012 MIP also includes a target discretionary bonus for each named executive officer that it may pay to the executive in the first quarter of 2013 in the compensation committee's discretion. The compensation committee established the target amount for each executive in an amount the committee believes is appropriate to incentivize our executives to strive to exceed performance expectations and pursue activities that will not necessarily increase the calculations of revenues or Adjusted EBITDA applied to the formula-based bonus matrix.

The amount actually paid to each named executive officer is based on the compensation committee's subjective evaluation of our executive team's achievement during the year. Our compensation committee does not have any predetermined criteria or goals that they are required to consider in connection with payment of the discretionary bonus. For 2011, in determining whether to pay a discretionary bonus, the compensation committee, in February 2012, discussed our company's performance and our executive officers' performance in the areas of general leadership, pursuit of strategic initiatives and overall performance relative to expectations. The compensation committee determines the amount of the discretionary bonus actually paid to each member of our executive team independent of the formula-based bonus earned after considering the criteria described above.

**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.

SPS COMMERCE, INC.

Date: February 8, 2012

By: */s/ Kimberly K. Nelson*  
Kimberly K. Nelson  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer