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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

OR

"TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 001-36461

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

	Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	20-8639702 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
(949) 202-4160	18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700 Irvine, CA 92612 (Address of principal executive offices)	92612 (Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed, since last year)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every interactive data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes $x = No^{-1}$

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "accelerated filer", "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) (Check one):

Large accelerated filer" Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer x Smaller reporting company"

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

15,962,686 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, as of November 12, 2015

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Securities available-for-sale ("AFS") Loans held for sale	\$206,338 360,559 108,903	\$29,692 138,270 —
Loans, net of deferred fees Allowance for loan and lease losses ("ALLL") Net loans	1,536,005 (11,300 1,524,705	1,166,392 (10,150) 1,156,242
Investment in FHLB stock Premises and equipment, net Deferred taxes Real estate owned ("REO") Goodwill and intangibles Other assets Total Assets	17,820 2,397 11,969 4,492 2,481 9,083 \$2,248,747	12,361 2,187 9,748 334 197 6,393 \$1,355,424
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities: Deposits Borrowings Accounts payable and other liabilities Total Liabilities	\$1,321,527 660,000 9,924 1,991,451	\$962,954 282,886 10,088 1,255,928
Commitments and contingencies	_	_
Shareholders' Equity	16	8

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Common Stock, par value \$.001: 20,000,000 shares authorized; 15,962,686 and7,845,182 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014,respectivelyAdditional paid-in-capital226,796Retained earnings28,714Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax1,770900257,29670199,496

\$2,248,747

\$1,355,424

Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

(See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements)

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS - UNAUDITED

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
Interest income:				
Loans	\$15,634	\$11,404	\$41,097	\$31,735
Securities AFS	1,107	799	2,744	1,741
Fed funds sold, FHLB stock and deposits	367	181	1,418	514
Total interest income	17,108	12,384	45,259	33,990
Interest expense:				
Deposits	1,328	953	3,366	2,595
Borrowings	319	284	1,137	682
Total interest expense	1,647	1,237	4,503	3,277
Net interest income	15,461	11,147	40,756	30,713
Provision for loan losses	570	_	1,473	235
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	14,891	11,147	39,283	30,478
Noninterest income:				
Asset management, consulting and other fees	5,870	6,309	17,642	17,388
Other income	998	428	1,850	1,316
Total noninterest income	6,868	6,737	19,492	18,704
Noninterest expense:				
Compensation and benefits	10,870	8,764	29,440	25,278
Occupancy and depreciation	2,561	1,867	6,486	5,499
Professional services and marketing costs	1,481	1,192	4,051	4,540
Other expenses	2,044	1,272	4,311	4,195
Total noninterest expense	16,956	13,095	44,288	39,512
Income before taxes on income	4,803	4,789	14,487	9,670
Taxes on income	2,041	2,130	6,157	4,282
Net income	\$2,762	\$2,659	\$8,330	\$5,388
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.22	\$0.34	\$0.87	\$0.70
Diluted	\$0.21	\$0.32	\$0.84	\$0.66

Shares used to compute net income per share:					
Basic	12,623,924	7,735,350	9,534,056	7,734,372	
Diluted	13,074,935	8,240,424	9,929,445		