

METLIFE INC
Form 8-K
December 29, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): December 23, 2014

METLIFE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-15787
(Commission

File Number)

13-4075851
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

200 Park Avenue, New York,

New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10166-0188
(Zip Code)

212-578-2211

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

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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 December 23, 2014, the Board of Directors (the Board) of MetLife, Inc. (the Company) determined that two amendments (the Charter Amendments) to the Company s Certificate of Incorporation (the Charter) are advisable, and that it will recommend each for stockholder approval at the 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

The Charter currently requires the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the then outstanding stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors (such stock, the Outstanding Stock) to amend certain portions of the Charter (including those dealing with stockholder rights plans, the board of directors, management of the corporation, liability of directors, stockholder actions by written consent, and amendment of the Charter). One Charter Amendment would change this voting standard to a majority of the Outstanding Stock.

The Charter currently allows the Company s stockholders to amend the Company s By-Laws by an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Outstanding Stock. The other Charter Amendment would change this voting standard to a majority of the Outstanding Stock.

In accordance with the current terms of the Charter, each Charter Amendment requires the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Outstanding Stock to become effective.

The Company s current By-Laws allow the Company s stockholders to amend the Company s By-Laws by an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Outstanding Stock. On December 23, 2014, the Board approved amended and restated Company By-Laws that would change this voting standard to a majority of Outstanding Stock, contingent and effective upon the filing of a certificate of amendment of the Company s Charter with the Secretary of State of Delaware that similarly changes the By-Laws amendment voting standard recited in the Charter.

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.

METLIFE, INC.

By: /s/ Timothy J. Ring

Name: Timothy J. Ring

Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

Date: December 29, 2014