REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K July 29, 2009

## 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): July 29, 2009

#### REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or other jurisdiction

000-50831 (Commission File Number) 63-0589368 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

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(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (205) 944-1300

#### 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:

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with general instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information is furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Representatives of the Registrant are scheduled to make presentations to investors at Regions Investor s Day Conference in New York, New York, on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

A copy of the visual presentations being furnished are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, substantially in the form intended to be used. Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference under this Item 7.01. Such visual presentation materials also will be available on Regions web site at www.regions.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The information contained in this 8-K may include forward-looking statements which reflect Regions current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Act ) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements which are identified as such and are accompanied by the identification of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. For these statements, we, together with our subsidiaries, claim the protection afforded by the safe harbor in the Act. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical information, but rather are related to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Forward-looking statements are based on management s expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time the statements are made. Those statements are based on general assumptions and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from the views, beliefs and projections expressed in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, those described below:

In October 2008 Congress enacted and the President signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and on February 17, 2009 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. Additionally, the Department of the U.S. Treasury and federal banking regulators are implementing a number of programs to address capital and liquidity issues in the banking system, and may announce additional programs in the future, all of which may have significant effects on Regions and the financial services industry, the exact nature and extent of which cannot be determined at this time.

The impact of compensation and other restrictions imposed under the Troubled Asset Relief Program ( TARP ) until Regions is able to repay the outstanding preferred stock issued under the TARP.

Possible additional loan losses and impairment of goodwill and other intangibles and the impact on earnings and capital.

Possible changes in interest rates may affect funding costs and reduce earning asset yields, thus reducing margins.

Possible changes in general economic and business conditions in the United States in general and in the communities Regions serves in particular.

Possible changes in the creditworthiness of customers and the possible impairment of the collectability of loans.

Possible changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, and other activities of governments, agencies, and similar organizations, including changes in accounting standards, may have an adverse effect on business.

The current stresses in the financial and real estate markets, including possible continued deterioration in property values.

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Regions ability to manage fluctuations in the value of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet exposure so as to maintain sufficient capital and liquidity to support Regions business.

Regions ability to achieve the earnings expectations related to businesses that have been acquired or that may be acquired in the future.

Regions ability to expand into new markets and to maintain profit margins in the face of competitive pressures.

Regions ability to develop competitive new products and services in a timely manner and the acceptance of such products and services by Regions customers and potential customers.

Regions ability to keep pace with technological changes.

Regions ability to effectively manage credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, operational risk, legal risk, liquidity risk, and regulatory and compliance risk.

The cost and other effects of material contingencies, including litigation contingencies.

The effects of increased competition from both banks and non-banks.

The effects of geopolitical instability and risks such as terrorist attacks.

Possible changes in consumer and business spending and saving habits could affect Regions ability to increase assets and to attract deposits.

The effects of weather and natural disasters such as droughts and hurricanes.

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive; for discussion of these and other risks that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please look under the caption Forward-Looking Statements in Regions Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 (as amended), as on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The words believe, expect, anticipate, project, and similar expressions often signify forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The exhibit listed in the exhibit index is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD as part of this current report on Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Visual Presentations of July 29, 2009

#### **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.

#### REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John D. Buchanan Name: John D. Buchanan

Title: Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary

Date: July 29, 2009