

Hilltop Holdings Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2007

**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): **December 14, 2007**

**HILLTOP HOLDINGS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-31987**  
(Commission File Number)

**84-1477939**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**200 Crescent Court, Suite 1330, Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**75201**  
(Zip code)

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(214) 855-2177

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 14, 2007, Hilltop Holdings Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.515625 on each share of its Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on January 30, 2008 to shareholders of record on January 15, 2008. The Press Release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
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| 99.1               | Press Release dated December 14, 2007. |

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 18, 2007

HILLTOP HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Larry Willard  
Larry Willard  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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