

CITIZENS INC
Form 8-K
December 11, 2009

**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 9, 2009

CITIZENS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

0-16509

(Commission File Number)

84-0755371

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 East Anderson Lane

Austin, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(512) 837-7100**

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 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))

SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As reported in its previous filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Citizens, Inc. (Citizens) is a defendant in a lawsuit originally filed on August 6, 1999 in the Texas District Court, Austin, Texas, now styled *Citizens Insurance Company of America, Citizens, Inc., and Harold E. Riley v. Fernando Hakim Daccach*, in which a class was originally certified by the trial court and affirmed by the Court of Appeals for the Third District of Texas. Citizens appealed the grant of class status to the Texas Supreme Court, which on March 2, 2007, reversed the Court of Appeal's affirmation of the trial court's class certification order, decertified the class and remanded the case to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with the Texas Supreme Court's opinion. On November 16, 2009, the trial court conducted further proceedings on the case, in order to determine whether the class should be recertified. On December 9, 2009, the trial court denied the Class Plaintiff's Supplemental Motion for Class Certification. The remaining plaintiffs must now proceed individually, and not as a class, if they intend to pursue their cases against Citizens. Citizens intends to maintain a vigorous defense in any remaining proceedings.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed, for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K will not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

None.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS, INC

By: /s/ Rick D. Riley

Rick D. Riley, Vice Chairman and
President

Date: December 9, 2009