ZIONS BANCORPORATION /UT/ Form 8-K December 19, 2011

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 19, 2011

ZIONS BANCORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Utah (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-12307 (Commission 87-0227400 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

One South Main, 15th Floor

Salt Lake City, Utah (Address of Principal Executive Office) (801) 524-4787 84133 (Zip Code)

(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:

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- " 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))

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Zions Bancorporation (the <u>Company</u>) hereby incorporates the Exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the issuance and sale by the Company of the following debt securities by reference into the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-173299) as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement dated April 19, 2011:

\$1,142,000 2.00% Senior Medium-Term Notes due December 12, 2012

- 5.1 Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.
- 5.2 Opinion of Callister Nebeker & McCullough.
- 23.1 Consent of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Callister Nebeker & McCullough (included in Exhibit 5.2).

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.

Date: December 19, 2011

Zions Bancorporation

By: /s/ Thomas E. Laursen Thomas E. Laursen

Executive Vice President and

General Counsel

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