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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): July 12, 2016

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

OHIO (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-11302 (Commission 34-6542451 (I.R.S. Employer

File Number) 127 Public Square **Identification No.)**

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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1306

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(216) 689-3000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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 July 12, 2016, KeyCorp announced it has received regulatory approval from the Federal Reserve to complete the merger with First Niagara Financial Group, Inc. (First Niagara). The merger of First Niagara into KeyCorp is expected to be completed on or about August 1, 2016. Systems and client conversion is expected during the fourth quarter of 2016, subject to pending regulatory approval by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for the merger of First Niagara Bank into KeyBank. A copy of the press release announcing the approval is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	KeyCorp and First Niagara Joint Press Release, dated July 12, 2016.

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.

KEYCORP

Date: July 12, 2016

/s/ Donald R. Kimble By: Donald R. Kimble Chief Financial Officer