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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): September 25, 2013

Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-31918** (Commission

04-3072298 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

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167 Sidney Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 679-5500

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 25, 2013, Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Piper Jaffray & Co., related to an underwritten offering of 13,727,251 shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock), and warrants (the Pre-Funded Warrants) to purchase up to an aggregate of 4,175,975 shares of Common Stock (together, the Securities). The Pre-Funded Warrants will be exercisable at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share and will expire seven years from the date of issuance. The Company expects to receive net proceeds of approximately \$25.6 million from the sale of the Securities, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by it and excluding the proceeds, if any, from the exercise of the Pre-Funded Warrants. The last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on September 23, 2013 was \$1.55 per share.

The Securities will be issued pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 that the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which became effective on September 18, 2013 (File No. 333-191073). The Company expects that the closing of the sale of the Securities will take place on September 30, 2013, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the form of Pre-Funded Warrant is attached as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing descriptions of the Underwriting Agreement and Pre-Funded Warrant do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such exhibits.

A copy of the legal opinion and consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP relating to the validity of the Common Stock and Pre-Funded Warrants to be issued in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 8.01. Other Events

The Company issued a press release on September 25, 2013 announcing the pricing of the sale of the Securities. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

See attached Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 26, 2013

Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Sudhir Agrawal

Sudhir Agrawal, D. Phil.

President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement, dated as of September 25, 2013, between the Company and Piper Jaffray & Co. |
| 4.1 | Form of Pre-Funded Warrant |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 99.1 | Press Release dated September 25, 2013 |