

SPS COMMERCE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2014

**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) February 6, 2014**

**SPS COMMERCE, INC.**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State of**  
**Incorporation)**

**001-34702**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**41-2015127**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**333 South Seventh Street, Suite 1000**  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**55402**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(612) 435-9400**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 6, 2014, the compensation committee of our board of directors approved the following compensation for our executive officers:

2013 cash incentive payments under our 2013 Management Incentive Plan, or the 2013 MIP;

2014 annual base salaries, effective as of January 1, 2014;

the 2014 Management Incentive Plan, or the 2014 MIP, and 2014 target cash incentive compensation under the 2014 MIP.

Our 2013 cash incentive payments under the 2013 MIP were \$341,040 for Archie Black, 173,456 for Jim Frome and \$171,680 for Kimberly Nelson. Our 2014 annual base salaries are \$403,760 for Mr. Black, \$295,610 for Ms. Nelson and \$298,700 for Mr. Frome (retroactive to January 1, 2014). The target cash incentive compensation under the 2014 MIP is \$323,008 for Mr. Black, \$164,285 for Mr. Frome and \$162,586 for Ms. Nelson.

*Description of 2014 Management Incentive Plan*

The 2014 Management Incentive Plan provides our named executive officers an opportunity to receive two types of bonuses: a formula-based bonus and a discretionary bonus.

The formula-based bonus is based on the target bonus for each named executive officer established by the compensation committee at the beginning of each year. The compensation committee established the target based on the amount it believes is necessary to provide a competitive overall compensation package in light of each named executive officer's base salary and to motivate our executives to achieve an aggressive level of growth. The amount of the formula-based bonus, if any, actually paid to executives after the end of the year will be determined by a matrix that takes into account our revenues and net income plus depreciation and amortization, interest expense, interest income, income tax expense and other adjustments as necessary for a fair presentation, plus non-cash, stock-based compensation expense, or Adjusted EBITDA. The formula-based bonus is based in part on revenues because, given the scalability of our current core business, the compensation committee believes our financial results are driven most significantly by the revenues we generate. The compensation committee also believes formula-based bonuses should be based in part on Adjusted EBITDA because Adjusted EBITDA is a useful measure of our operating performance.

The matrix provides that each executive will receive a percentage of his or her target formula-based bonus, between 0% and 165%, based on our revenues and Adjusted EBITDA. For example, for our executives to earn their target bonuses for 2013, we needed to generate revenues of approximately \$101.8 million and Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$13.8 million (prior to payment of the 2013 MIP). If we failed to have either revenues of approximately \$98.4 million or Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$12.9 million prior to payment of the 2013 MIP, our named executive officers would not have received a formula-based bonus for the year. With some exceptions, the percentage of the target bonus earned between the minimum and the maximum varies in three to ten percentage-point increments based on revenues and Adjusted EBITDA for the year relative to increments established for each metric in the matrix. The target revenues and Adjusted EBITDA will be adjusted during the year by the compensation committee in the event we complete acquisitions, if any, during the year. The compensation committee established the intervals for the matrix with the intent that achieving 100% of an executive's target bonus will be a difficult but achievable goal in light of the prior year's results of operations and anticipated growth for 2014. A reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA is incorporated by reference to the section titled Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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included in our current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2014 (SEC file no. 001-34702).

The 2014 MIP also includes a target qualitative factor bonus for each named executive officer that it may pay to the executive in the first quarter of 2015 in the compensation committee's discretion. The compensation committee established the target amount for each executive in an amount the committee believes is appropriate to incentivize our executives to strive to exceed performance expectations and pursue activities that will not necessarily increase the calculations of revenues or Adjusted EBITDA applied to the formula-based bonus matrix.

The amount actually paid to each named executive officer is based on the compensation committee's subjective evaluation of our executive team's achievement during the year. Our compensation committee predetermines criteria or goals that they consider in connection with payment of the qualitative factor bonus. For 2013, in determining whether to pay a qualitative factor bonus, the compensation committee reviewed Mr. Black based on the Company's successful completion of the objectives for the Company's executive vice presidents and the successful hiring of a chief technology officer, Mr. Frome based on the successful execution of our retail business network and Ms. Nelson based on the successful execution of our retail business network, her performance in providing detailed reviews of acquisition opportunities and her work heading up our investor relations activities. The compensation committee determines the amount of the qualitative factor bonus actually paid to each member of our executive team independent of the formula-based bonus earned after considering the specified criteria described above.

**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.

SPS COMMERCE, INC.

Date: February 6, 2014

By: /s/ Kimberly K. Nelson  
Kimberly K. Nelson  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer