

METLIFE INC
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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): December 9, 2014

METLIFE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

1-15787
(Commission)

13-4075851
(IRS Employer)

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of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

200 Park Avenue, New York,

New York

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

212-578-2211

10166-0188

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 December 9, 2014, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of MetLife, Inc. (the Company) approved forms of award agreement (collectively, the Award Agreements) for stock-based long-term incentive compensation.

The Award Agreements provide for:

awards payable in shares of Company common stock (Shares) based on elements of Company performance, known as Performance Shares, and their cash-payable equivalent, Performance Units;

awards payable in Shares, known as Restricted Stock Units, and their cash-payable equivalent, Restricted Units;

awards that provide the right to buy Shares at their closing price on the grant date, known as Stock Options; and

cash-payable awards based on the price of a Share at the time the award is exercised, less the closing price of a Share on the date the award was granted, known as Unit Options.

The Award Agreements will apply to awards made under the MetLife, Inc. 2015 Stock and Incentive Plan (the 2015 Plan) which will become effective on January 1, 2015.

Each of the Award Agreements has material terms that are substantially similar to the forms of award agreement approved by the Committee on February 11, 2013 and disclosed by the Company on Form 8-K on February 15, 2013 (the Former Agreements), except as noted below.

The Award Agreements replace the reference to retirement in the Former Agreements with a Rule of 65. An employee whose age and total service with the Company and its affiliates at the time of termination of employment (other than for cause) is equal to or greater than 65, with at least five years of service, will retain the right to receive payment for, or exercise, the award after termination of employment. The employee forfeits the award if the Committee finds that the employee has made disparaging statements about the Company and its affiliates or their associates, products, or services, other than truthful statements compelled by law or authorized pursuant to legal or administrative processes.

The Award Agreements provide for the forfeiture of awards to the extent the Company determines they have the potential to trigger penalties under Internal Revenue Code Section 457A, unless the employee certifies that the employee was not subject to income taxation by the United States during the vesting period.

The foregoing description of the Award Agreements is a summary, is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Award Agreements, which are attached hereto as exhibits and are incorporated herein by reference.

On December 9, 2014, the Committee also approved the MetLife Annual Variable Incentive Plan, effective as amended and restated January 1, 2015, (AVIP) as a sub-plan of the 2015 Plan. AVIP is an annual incentive plan that provides for cash awards to executive officers of the Company and other employees, subject to performance criteria established by the Committee. The foregoing description of AVIP is a summary, is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to AVIP, which is attached hereto as an exhibit and its incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

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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.

METLIFE, INC.

By: /s/ Timothy J. Ring

Name: Timothy J. Ring

Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

Date: December 11, 2014

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