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#### 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 10, 2014

## **IBERIABANK CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Louisiana (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-25756 (Commission 72-1280718 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

200 West Congress Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(337) 521-4003

## 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))

#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 10, 2014, IBERIABANK Corporation ( IBKC ), the parent company of IBERIABANK, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement ) with First Private Holdings, Inc. ( FPHI ), the parent company of First Private Bank of Texas. Under the Merger Agreement, FPHI will merge with and into the IBKC (the Merger ) after which First Private Bank of Texas will merge with and into IBERIABANK. Each outstanding share of FPHI s common stock is to be converted into the right to receive 0.27 of a share of IBKC common stock at the effective time of the Merger (the Exchange Ratio ), plus cash in lieu of any fractional interest. The Exchange Ratio will be adjusted if the market price of IBKC common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market during the prescribed measurement period prior to the Merger falls below \$62.96 or rises above \$69.44, pursuant to the formula set forth in Merger Agreement. All unexercised FPHI stock options and warrants, whether or not vested, will be cashed out in connection with the transaction.

Directors and executive officers of FPHI have entered into support agreements concurrent with the execution of the Merger Agreement (collectively, the Support Agreements). The Support Agreements provide that each director or executive officer of FPHI will vote his or her shares (other than shares held in a fiduciary capacity) in favor of approval of the Merger Agreement. The Support Agreements also restrict the transfer of the individual s FPHI shares during the period between signing and the completion of the Merger.

The Merger Agreement contains usual and customary representations and warranties that IBKC and FPHI made to each other as of specific dates. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties were made solely for purposes of the contract between IBKC and FPHI, and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties in connection with negotiating its terms. Moreover, the representations and warranties are subject to a contractual standard of materiality that may be different from what may be viewed as material to shareholders, and the representations and warranties may have been used to allocate risk between IBKC and FPHI rather than establishing matters as facts.

The foregoing summary of the Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such document, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The related press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Merger Agreement has been approved by the boards of directors of each of IBKC and FPHI. Subject to the required approval of FPHI s shareholders, requisite regulatory approvals, the effectiveness of the registration statement to be filed by IBKC with respect to the stock to be issued in the transaction, and other customary closing conditions, the Merger is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2014.

#### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

IBKC has posted on the Investor Relations page of its internet website (www.iberiabank.com) supplemental information related to its proposed merger with FPHI. A copy of the supplemental information is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit. IBKC is not undertaking any obligation to update this presentation.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- Exhibit 2.1 Merger Agreement, dated as of February 10, 2014, between IBKC and FPHI.
- Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated February 11, 2014, announcing Merger Agreement with FPHI.
- Exhibit 99.2 Supplemental Information dated February 11, 2014 furnished pursuant to 7.01 as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K and is not to be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

#### **Caution About Forward-Looking Statements.**

This Current Report contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In general, forward-looking statements usually use words such as may, believe, expect, anticipate, intend. estimate, predict, continue and potential or the negative of these terms or other comparable term should. including statements related to the expected timing of the closing of the proposed merger, the expected returns and other benefits of the proposed mergers with FPHI and Teche Holding Company to shareholders, expected improvement in operating efficiency resulting from proposed mergers, estimated expense reductions resulting from the transactions and the timing of achievement of such reductions, the impact on and timing of the recovery of the impact on tangible book value, and the effect of the mergers on IBKC s capital ratios. Forward-looking statements represent management s beliefs, based upon information available at the time the statements are made, with regard to the matters addressed; they are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that change over time and could cause actual results or financial condition to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such statements, and there can be no assurances that: the proposed mergers will close when expected, the expected returns and other benefits of the proposed mergers to shareholders will be

achieved, the expected operating efficiencies will result, estimated expense reductions resulting from the transactions will occur as and when expected, the impact on tangible book value will be recovered or as expected or that the effect on IBKC s capital ratios will be as expected. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, the possibility that expected benefits may not materialize in the time frames expected or at all, or may be more costly to achieve; that the merger transactions may not be timely completed, if at all; that prior to completion of the merger transactions or thereafter, the parties respective businesses may not perform as expected due to transaction-related uncertainties or other factors; that the parties are unable to implement successful integration strategies; that the required regulatory, shareholder, or other closing conditions are not satisfied in a timely manner, or at all; reputational risks and the reaction of the parties customers to the merger transactions; diversion of management time to merger-related issues; and other factors and risk influences contained in the cautionary language included under the headings Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Risk Factors in IBKC s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and Form 10-Os for the quarters ended March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013, and other documents subsequently filed by IBKC with the SEC. Consequently, no forward-looking statement can be guaranteed. Neither IBKC nor FPHI undertakes any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. For any forward-looking statements made in this Current Report, the exhibits thereto or any related documents, IBKC and FPHI claim protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction involving IBKC and FPHI. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed merger, IBKC will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy statement/prospectus for the shareholders of FPHI. IBKC also plans to file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed merger transaction with FPHI and the pending merger with Teche Holding Company. FPHI will mail the final proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about IBKC and FPHI, will be available without charge, at the SEC s Internet site (http://www.sec.gov). Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, when available, without charge, from IBKC s website (http://www.iberiabank.com), under the heading Investor Information and on FPHI s website, at http://www.firstprivatetx.com.

IBKC and FPHI, and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of FPHI in respect of the proposed merger transaction. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of IBKC is set forth in the definitive proxy statement for IBKC s 2013 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on April 12, 2013, and in Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed with the SEC by its officers and directors. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of FPHI who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of the shareholders of FPHI in connection with the proposed transaction will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus for FPHI s special meeting of shareholders, which will be filed by IBKC with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents regarding the proposed merger transaction filed with the SEC when they become available.

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

## **IBERIABANK CORPORATION**

DATE: February 11, 2014 By: /s/ Daryl G. Byrd

Daryl G. Byrd

President and Chief Executive Officer

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