

REPUBLIC FIRST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2009

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): March 18, 2009

Republic First Bancorp, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	000-17007	23-2486815
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 South 16th Street, Suite 2400, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(215)-735-4422  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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Other Events.

On March 19, 2009, Republic First Bancorp, Inc. (“Republic First”) issued a press release announcing that Republic First’s shareholders approved the merger of Republic First with and into Pennsylvania Commerce Bancorp, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release issued March 19, 2009 regarding shareholder approval of merger.</u>

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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.

REPUBLIC FIRST BANCORP, INC.

Date: March 23, 2009

By:

Edward J. Ryan  
Edward J. Ryan  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

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