

COMERICA INC /NEW/
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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): **January 21, 2011**

COMERICA INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-10706
(Commission File Number)

38-1998421
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

Comerica Bank Tower
1717 Main Street, MC 6404

Dallas, Texas 75201

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

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(214) 462-6831

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEMS 1.01

ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

Mary Constance Beck has announced that she will retire effective January 31, 2011.

In connection with Ms. Beck's retirement, Comerica Incorporated ("Comerica") and Ms. Beck entered into a restrictive covenants and general release agreement (the "Agreement") dated January 21, 2011. The Agreement specifies that Ms. Beck's employment will terminate January 31, 2011 (the "Separation Date") and that she will resign from all positions with Comerica and its subsidiaries and affiliates on or before January 31, 2011 and will return all property of Comerica and its subsidiaries and affiliates on or prior to the Separation Date. Under the terms of the Agreement, Ms. Beck provides a general release of claims in favor of Comerica and its affiliates and agrees to be bound by certain restrictive covenants (including two year non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions that will prohibit her from engaging in any business in competition with the businesses conducted by Comerica in Michigan, California, Texas, Arizona or Florida and from soliciting the customers and employees of Comerica) without the consent of Comerica. The Agreement also includes general non-disparagement and cooperation provisions and provides that Ms. Beck will not use, commercialize or disclose Comerica's confidential information to any person or entity, except to such individuals as approved by Comerica in writing prior to any such disclosure or as otherwise required by law.

The Agreement further provided that Comerica would recommend to the Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee that it accelerate the vesting of Ms. Beck's shares of restricted stock that are not vested as of her Separation Date (other than the restricted stock granted on November 17, 2009), subject to her execution and non-revocation of the Agreement; such recommendation was made on January 25, 2011. In consideration of Ms. Beck's covenants and general release as set forth in the Agreement, and subject to Ms. Beck's execution and non-revocation of the Agreement, the Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of such restricted Comerica stock as of Ms. Beck's Separation Date.

Pursuant to the Agreement, prior to the Separation Date, so long as Ms. Beck continues to be employed by Comerica, she will generally continue to be paid and be eligible to participate in the health, welfare benefit and retirement plans of Comerica on the same basis as applied to her immediately prior to delivery of the Agreement. Following the Separation Date, she will be eligible to elect continuation coverage under Comerica's healthcare benefit plans in accordance with Section 4980B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the terms of the applicable plan. Comerica shall reimburse Ms. Beck for reasonable and documented business expenses incurred by Ms. Beck on or before the Separation Date, in accordance with the terms of Comerica's policy. As well, Comerica will compensate Ms. Beck for any accrued but unused paid time off days as of the Separation Date, in accordance with the terms of Comerica's policy. Ms. Beck will be eligible to receive a share of any applicable incentive payment provided pursuant to the Comerica 2006 Amended and Restated Management Incentive Plan ("MIP") which is payable in the year 2011 with respect to the one-year and three-year performance periods ended December 31, 2010, in accordance with the terms of the MIP. The amount of the payment, if any, will be prorated and/or adjusted to exclude any incentive amount attributable to any period during which Comerica was a participant in the United States Department of the Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP"), to the extent required by the rules and regulations applicable to TARP recipients, with such proration and/or adjustment to be applied in a manner consistent with the methodology applicable to other TARP covered participants in the MIP for the same performance periods. To the extent provided in its bylaws, Comerica will defend, indemnify and hold Ms. Beck harmless from and against all liability for actions taken by

her within the scope of her responsibilities, so long as her conduct in any such matter was consistent with the relevant standards contained in the bylaws.

This summary of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Agreement, a copy of which is being filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

The information concerning the departure of Ms. Beck set forth under Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Restrictive Covenants and General Release Agreement by and between Mary Constance Beck and Comerica Incorporated dated January 21, 2011.

SIGNATURES

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.

COMERICA INCORPORATED

By:	/s/ Jon W. Bilstrom
Name:	Jon W. Bilstrom
Title:	Executive Vice President-Governance, Regulatory Relations and Legal Affairs, and Secretary

Date: January 27, 2011

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