

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 06, 2010

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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) **May 5, 2010**

**City National Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-10521**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2568550**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**City National Plaza**  
**555 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90071**  
(Zip Code)

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(213) 673-7700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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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 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

On May 5, 2010, City National Corporation (the Company) and the California Franchise Tax Board settled litigation related to various refund claims and other pending matters under review. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company will receive \$29 million in tax credits, which are expected to add approximately \$19 million to the Company's net income in the second quarter of 2010.

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.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

May 6, 2010

/s/ Michael B. Cahill  
Michael B. Cahill  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
(Authorized Officer)