

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 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: December 17, 2009

**OceanFirst Financial Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-11713**  
(Commission

File Number)

**22-3412577**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**975 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (732) 240-4500**

**08753**  
**(Zip Code)**

**N/A**

**(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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 17, 2009, OceanFirst Financial Corp. ( OceanFirst ), the parent company of OceanFirst Bank, and Central Jersey Bancorp ( Central Jersey ), the parent company of Central Jersey Bank, National Association, mutually agreed to terminate the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 26, 2009 (the Merger Agreement ) and abandon the proposed merger of Central Jersey with and into OceanFirst (the Merger ). For a summary of the material terms of the Merger Agreement, please see OceanFirst's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 2009.

According to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Central Jersey and OceanFirst are permitted to terminate the Merger Agreement and abandon the Merger by the mutual written consent of both parties, without the incursion of any termination penalties. As of December 17, 2009, regulatory approval for the Merger had not yet been obtained, and as a result, the Merger could not be completed by December 31, 2009 as contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Consequently, Central Jersey and OceanFirst mutually agreed that it was in the best interest of each company and their respective shareholders to terminate the Merger Agreement.

A copy of the joint press release issued by OceanFirst and Central Jersey announcing the termination of the Merger Agreement is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this current report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, that are not historical fact are forward-looking statements, as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements may be characterized as management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of the future. It is important to note that such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause future results to vary materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, economic conditions, deposit and loan growth, real estate values, loan loss provisions, competition, customer retention, changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines and legislative and regulatory changes.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Termination Agreement dated December 17, 2009 by and between OceanFirst Financial Corp. and Central Jersey Bancorp
99.1	Press Release re: OceanFirst Financial Corp. and Central Jersey Bancorp Announce Termination of Merger Agreement

**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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.  
(Registrant)

By: */s/* MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK  
**Michael J. Fitzpatrick**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Date: December 18, 2009

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