First Foundation Inc. Form 8-K May 02, 2019

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): May 2, 2019

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36461 20-8639702 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)

18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700 Irvine, California

92612

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 202-4160

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock FFWM NASDAQ Global Market

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 2, 2019, First Foundation Inc. issued a press release announcing that on April 30, 2019 its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share. The cash dividend is payable on June 17, 2019 to stockholders of record at the close on business on June 3, 2019.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits.

9.01

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 2, 2019

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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.

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

Date: May 2, 2019 /s/ JOHN MICHEL

By:

John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer