

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/  
Form 8-K  
August 15, 2008

**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): **August 15, 2008**

**REPUBLIC BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Kentucky**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-24649**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-0862051**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**601 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**40202**  
(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(502) 584-3600**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

(Former Name or former Address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 15, 2008, Republic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) filed applications with the Office of Thrift Supervision (the OTS ), the effect of which, if approved, will result in the merger of Republic Bank & Trust Company (the Bank ) and Republic Bank (the FSB ) into one federally chartered savings and loan institution. As a result of the merger, the Company and its surviving subsidiaries, which are currently regulated by four federal and state banking agencies, will have the OTS as its primary banking regulator.

Following consummation of the transaction, the Company will have one subsidiary financial institution and will continue to operate all of its existing locations in Kentucky, Florida, Indiana and Ohio. The Company plans to retain the name Republic Bank & Trust Company for the merged financial institution.

If the applications are approved, the Company will become a savings and loan holding company within the meaning of the Home Owner s Loan Act of 1933. The Company anticipates that the transaction will be consummated by the end of 2008.

**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 Bancorp, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: August 15, 2008

By: /s/ Kevin Sipes  
Kevin Sipes  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer & Chief Accounting Officer