

Discovery Communications, Inc.
Form 8-K
July 31, 2017

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): July 31, 2017

Discovery Communications, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-34177
(Commission
File Number)

35-2333914
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

One Discovery Place

20910

Silver Spring, Maryland
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 240-662-2000

Not Applicable

(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)

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))
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.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 31, 2017, Discovery Communications, Inc. (Discovery) and Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. (Scripps) made available the investor presentation filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. Also filed with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.2 is the transcript from the investor conference call held on July 31, 2017.

WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger between Discovery and Scripps. In connection with the proposed merger, Discovery intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4, containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed by Discovery and Scripps with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Free copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, once available, and each company's other filings with the SEC may also be obtained from the respective companies. Free copies of documents filed with the SEC by Discovery will be made available free of charge on Discovery's investor relations website at www.Corporate.Discovery.com. Free copies of documents filed with the SEC by Scripps will be made available free of charge on Scripps' investor relations website at www.ScrippsNetworksInteractive.com.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Discovery and its directors and executive officers, and Scripps and its directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Scripps common stock in respect of the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Discovery is set forth in Discovery's proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 5, 2017. Information about the directors and executive officers of Scripps is set forth in Scripps' proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 29, 2017. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interest of such participants by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements and information in this communication may be deemed to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Federal Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements relating to Discovery's and Scripps' objectives, plans and strategies, and all statements (other than statements of historical facts) that address activities, events or developments that Discovery and Scripps intend, expect, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future. These statements are often characterized by terminology such as believe, hope, may, anticipate, should, intend, plan, will, expect, project, positioned, strategy and similar expressions, and are based on assumptions and assessments made by Discovery's and Scripps' management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments, and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Any forward-looking statements in this communication are made as of the date hereof, and Discovery and Scripps undertake no duty to update or revise any such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Whether actual results will conform to expectations and predictions is subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including: risks and uncertainties discussed in the reports that Discovery and Scripps have filed with the SEC; general economic, market, or business conditions; risks associated with the ability to consummate the business combination between Discovery and Scripps and the timing of the closing of the business combination; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not

anticipated; pricing fluctuations in local and national advertising; future regulatory actions and conditions in the television stations operating areas; competition from others in the broadcast television markets; volatility in programming costs; the ability to successfully integrate Discovery's and Scripps' operations and employees; the ability to realize anticipated benefits and synergies of the business combination; the potential

impact of announcement of the business combination or consummation of the transaction on relationships, including with employees, customers and competitors; and other circumstances beyond Discovery's and Scripps' control. Refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Discovery's and Scripps' annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC and in the Form S-4, containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus to be filed by Discovery and Scripps with the SEC at a later date for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| Number | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Investor Presentation. |
| 99.2 | Investor Conference Call Transcript. |

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.

Discovery Communications, Inc.

July 31, 2017

By: /s/ Gunnar Wiedenfels
Gunnar Wiedenfels
Chief Financial Officer

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