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Form 8-K

December 19, 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

<u>Date of Report: December 19, 2017</u> (Date of earliest event reported)

FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 000-25001 65-0248866

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14050 N.W. 14th Street, Suite 180

Sunrise, FL 33323 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 293-2532

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))

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 December 19, 2017, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has authorized an additional share repurchase program under which the Company may repurchase up to \$10 million of its outstanding shares of common stock through December 31, 2018. Together with the \$2 million remaining balance from the Company's previous stock repurchase authorization, the Company has available to it an aggregate of \$12 million for future repurchases of its common stock. The Company may repurchase shares in open market transactions or under Rule 10b5-1 trading plans from time to time in its discretion, based on ongoing assessments of the Company's capital needs, the market price of its common stock and general market conditions.

Also on December 19, 2017, the Company announced that it has decided to undergo an orderly withdrawal from the private passenger automobile ("Auto") line of business and will begin the appropriate steps to withdraw from the Auto business, including obtaining all required regulatory approvals.

A copy of the Company's press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Federated National Holding Company Press Release dated December 19, 2017 (announcing authorization of stock buyback plan and withdrawal from auto line of business).

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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.

FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY

Date: December 19, 2017 By: /s/ Ronald A. Jordan

Name: Ronald A. Jordan
Title: Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)