

First Financial Northwest, Inc.
Form SC 13G/A
January 14, 2016

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. Eight)*

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

320 22K 102

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which could alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP NO. 320 22K 102

1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

First Financial Northwest, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

a)

b)

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Not applicable

5) SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES 761,760

6) SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 573,885

7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
1,335,645

8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
-0-

9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,335,645

10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
9.70%

12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
EP

CUSIP NO. 174 903 104

ITEM 1(a) NAME OF ISSUER:

First Financial Northwest, Inc. (the "Corporation")

ITEM 1(b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

201 Wells Avenue South, Renton, Washington 98057

ITEM 2(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING:

First Financial Northwest, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP")

ITEM 2(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

The business address of the ESOP is:

201 Wells Avenue South, Renton, Washington 98057

ITEM 2(c) CITIZENSHIP:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 2(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock")

ITEM 2(e) CUSIP NUMBER: 320 22K 102

ITEM 3 IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b) OR 240.13d-2(b) or (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS:

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| (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o); |
| (b) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); |
| (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); |
| (d) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8); |
| (e) | <input type="checkbox"/> | An investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); |
| (f) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); |
| (g) | <input type="checkbox"/> | A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); |

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- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); and
- (j) Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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ITEM 4 OWNERSHIP:

The ESOP holds an aggregate of 1,335,645 shares of Common Stock (9.70% of the outstanding shares). The ESOP has sole voting power with respect to shares held by it which have not been allocated to participant accounts, shared voting power with respect to shares held by it which have been allocated to participant accounts and sole dispositive power with respect to all shares (allocated and unallocated) held by the ESOP.

The Trustee may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,335,645 shares held by the ESOP. However, the Trustee expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of all of such shares. Other than the shares held by the ESOP, the Trustee does not beneficially own any shares of Common Stock.

Pursuant to the ESOP, participants in the ESOP are entitled to instruct the Trustee as to the voting of the shares allocated to their ESOP accounts. On each issue with respect to which shareholders are entitled to vote, the Trustee is required to vote the shares held by the ESOP which have not been allocated to participant accounts in the manner directed under the ESOP.

ITEM 5 OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not Applicable.

January 13, 2016

First Financial Northwest, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Plan
201 Wells Avenue South
Renton, Washington 98057

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter hereby confirms the agreement and understanding between you and the undersigned that the Schedule 13G, as amended, being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about this date is being filed on behalf of each of us. Please confirm the same by signing the acknowledgement below.

Sincerely,

FIRST BANKERS TRUST SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/Linda Shultz
Name: Linda Shultz
Title: Trust Officer

Acknowledged and agreed:

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

By: /s/Linda Shultz
First Bankers Trust Services, Inc.,
as Trustee
Name: Linda Shultz
Title: Trust Officer