

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP

Form 8-K

December 09, 2008

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**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): December 3, 2008

**INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-9047**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-2870273**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**288 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**02370**

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 878-6100**

**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:

- 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))
- Rule 425, Rule 14a-12 and Instruction 2 to Rule 14d-2(b)(2)

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 3, 2008 Independent Bank Corp. was orally notified that it had received preliminary approval for approximately \$78 million in new capital under the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program. On December 4, 2008 Independent Bank Corp. received written confirmation of that preliminary approval. On December 9, 2008 Independent Bank Corp. announced the receipt of preliminary approval by press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibit.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 December 9, 2008 Press Release

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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.

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Edward H. Seksay  
Name: Edward H. Seksay  
Title: General Counsel

Date: December 9, 2008

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