

KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC
Form 8-K
May 19, 2015

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):
May 14, 2015

KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arizona 001-32396 86-0649974
(State or other (Commission (IRS Employer
jurisdiction File Number) Identification No.)
of incorporation)

20002 North 19th 85027
Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
(Address of principal (Zip Code)
executive offices)

(602) 269-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 14, 2015, the shareholders of Knight Transportation, Inc., an Arizona corporation (the “Company”) approved the Knight Transportation, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”) at the Company’s 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. The Omnibus Plan became effective as of the date of such shareholders’ approval. A description of the Omnibus Plan is set forth in the Company’s proxy statement, dated April 2, 2015, for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders (the “Proxy Statement”), under “Proposal No. 4: Approval of the Knight Transportation, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan,” which is incorporated herein by reference. The Proxy Statement’s description of the Omnibus Plan is modified by the Company’s April 29, 2015 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K (the “April 8-K”), describing a reduction in shares reserved under the Omnibus Plan and the imposition of a minimum vesting period for awards to executive officers. The description is qualified in its entirety by reference to a copy of the Omnibus Plan attached to the April 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

On May 14, 2015, the Compensation Committee (the “Compensation Committee”) of the Board of Directors of the Company granted to its named executive officers and other participants awards of performance-based restricted stock units (“RSUs”) under the Omnibus Plan. The award was based on compensation targets established by the Committee, after taking into account competitive compensation factors, divided by the market value of the Company’s stock as of the date of grant. The number of shares of Common Stock ultimately deliverable to participants will vary based on the Company’s performance targets for a defined performance period against the objective performance metrics established by the Compensation Committee. The performance period runs through December 31, 2017. Performance targets are based on revenue growth, return on net assets and total shareholder return compared with the total shareholder return of a group of truckload carriers, as provided in the Omnibus Plan. The awards vest and shares are deliverable to each participant on the second January 31st following the expiration of the performance period. The following RSU grants, expressed in shares, were authorized by the Compensation Committee to the following named executive officers:

| Name | Position | RSU Award (in Shares) |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Kevin P. Knight | Executive Chair | 50,201 |
| David A. Jackson | Chief Executive Officer | 16,734 |
| Adam Miller | Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer | 4,183 |
| Jimmie Updike | Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing | 4,183 |
| Kevin Quast | Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer | 4,183 |

Item Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
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On Thursday, May 14, 2015, the Company held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The matters voted upon at the Annual Meeting and the results of such voting are set forth below.

Proposal No. 1: The Company's shareholders elected three individuals to the Company's Board of Directors as Class II Directors to serve a term of three years.

| | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Gary J. Knight | 69,853,189 | 2,243,879 | 6,077,159 |
| G.D. Madden | 69,249,559 | 2,847,509 | 6,077,159 |
| Kathryn L. Munro | 70,992,785 | 1,104,283 | 6,077,159 |

Proposal No. 2: The Company's shareholders elected one individual to the Company's Board of Directors as a Class III Director to serve the remainder of his term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

| | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| David A. Jackson | 71,073,781 | 1,023,287 | 6,077,159 |

Proposal No. 3: The Company's shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|-------------|---------------------|
| 71,720,732 | 117,829 | 258,507 | 6,077,159 |

Proposal No. 4: The Company's shareholders approved the Omnibus Plan.

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 68,194,496 | 3,650,345 | 252,227 | 6,077,159 |

Proposal No. 5: The Company's shareholders ratified the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015.

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 76,370,856 | 1,554,960 | 248,411 | 6,077,159 |

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.06 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable to the Company's shareholders of record as of June 5, 2015, and is expected to be paid on June 26, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached to

this report as Exhibit 99.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits.

9.01

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT
NUMBER

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99

Knight Transportation, Inc. press release dated May 19, 2015, announcing quarterly cash dividend

The information contained in Item 9.01 and the exhibit hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

The information in this report and the exhibit hereto contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, relating to our quarterly dividend. There can be no assurance that future dividends will be declared. The declaration of future dividends is also subject to approval of our Board of Directors each quarter after its review of our financial performance and cash needs. Declaration of future dividends is also subject to various risks and uncertainties, including: our cash flow and cash needs; compliance with applicable law; restriction on the payment of dividends under existing or future financing arrangements; changes in tax laws relating to corporate dividends; the deterioration in our financial condition or results, and those risks, uncertainties, and other factors identified from time-to-time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURE

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.

KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Date: May 19, 2015

By:

/s/ Adam W. Miller
Adam W. Miller
Chief Financial Officer

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