

AUTONATION, INC.  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 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) January 31, 2017

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

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| Delaware                                                          | 1-13107                     | 73-1105145                                 |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                 | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS<br>Employer<br>Identification<br>No.) |
| 200 SW 1st Ave                                                    |                             |                                            |
| Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301                                    |                             |                                            |
| (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)      |                             |                                            |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code (954) 769-6000 |                             |                                            |

(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))



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

On January 31, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AutoNation, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed William R. Berman, age 50, as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Prior to his appointment as President of the Company, Mr. Berman served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, a position he assumed in February 2015. Since 1999, Mr. Berman has served in various leadership roles within the Company, including as Senior Vice President, Sales from October 2014 until February 2015, and as President of the Company’s Western Region, with responsibility for stores located in California, Washington, Nevada, and Arizona, from October 2008 through September 2014. As of January 31, 2017, Mike Jackson will no longer serve as President but will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

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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.

**AUTONATION, INC.**

Date: February 1, 2017 By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando

Jonathan P. Ferrando

Executive Vice President - General Counsel, Corporate Development and Human Resources