RENT A CENTER INC DE Form 8-K September 29, 2011

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) September 28, 2011

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware 0-25370 45-0491516

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification

No.)

5501 Headquarters Drive Plano, Texas 75024

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(972) 801-1100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On September 28, 2011, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the Company) approved amendments to and a restatement of the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws (as amended, the Bylaws), which were effective immediately upon their adoption. The amendments remove references to Rule 14a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from certain provisions of Article I of the Bylaws regarding advance notice of stockholder business and stockholder nominations for directors. The amendments were made as a result of the announcement by the Securities and Exchange Commission of its decision to vacate such rule.

The preceding summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Bylaws, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 28, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.16 per share payable on October 26, 2011, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 10, 2011.

The press release containing these announcements is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated September 28, 2011.
- 99.1 Press Release issued on September 28, 2011 by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

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.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: September 29, 2011 By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverton

Dawn M. Wolverton

Vice President Assistant General

Counsel & Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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