

Homeowners Choice, Inc.
Form 8-K
July 12, 2010

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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 1, 2010

Homeowners Choice, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-34126
(Commission
File Number)

20-5961396
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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2340 Drew Street, Suite 200

Clearwater, Florida 33765

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(727) 213-3600

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Section 1. Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

To mitigate our risk of hurricanes and other catastrophes, each year we implement a comprehensive reinsurance program whereby we cede substantial portions of our premiums to other entities that agree to pay portions of claims associated with certain potential catastrophic events. We have secured our reinsurance program for the year June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 by entering into agreements with multiple private reinsurance companies and with the State Board of Administration of Florida, which administers the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

The agreements contain various coverages, limits and retentions. The private reinsurance agreements cover hurricanes, tropical storms and tornados. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund agreement covers storms designated as hurricanes by the National Hurricane Center. We utilized sophisticated models to establish the probable maximum loss of a 1 in 100 year catastrophic event and purchased protection that exceeds that probable maximum loss. The total coverage for a single event is approximately \$386 million. The total cost of our reinsurance program is approximately \$59 million. The payments are divided into installments throughout the contract year.

Our private reinsurance program provides approximately \$114 million of coverage, excluding \$5.25 million of coverage provided by our own subsidiary company, Claddaugh Casualty Insurance Company Ltd. Under the contracts, we retain the first \$2 million of risk in any one event. The program includes an aggregate layer of \$58 million which can be used for any number of events throughout the contract period. All our private reinsurers are AM Best rated A or better or have fully collateralized their potential obligations to us. The estimated cost is \$36 million.

The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund component is separated into three pieces: the limited apportionment cover, the main layer, and the temporary-increase-in-coverage limit. We purchased coverage in all three layers providing protection up to \$272 million in a first event scenario. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund contract allows for one reinstatement in the limited apportionment cover layer with no additional premium. The total estimated cost is \$23 million.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 12, 2010.

HOMEOWNERS CHOICE, INC.

BY: /s/ Richard R. Allen
Name: Richard R. Allen
Title: Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this Form 8-K has been provided to Homeowners Choice, Inc. and will be retained by Homeowners Choice, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.