
**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) February 9, 2012

Federal Realty Investment Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-07533
(Commission
File Number)

52-0782497
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1626 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland
(Address of principal executive offices)

20852-4041
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: 301/998-8100

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 9, 2012, the Compensation Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Trustees of Federal Realty Investment Trust (“Trust”) approved the following compensation arrangements for the Trust’s named executive officers: (a) a bonus payment to each of Mr. Donald C. Wood, the Trust’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Dawn M. Becker, the Trust’s Executive Vice President-Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary, and Mr. Andrew P. Blocher, the Trust’s Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,300,000, \$364,299 and \$200,000, respectively, under the Trust’s annual incentive bonus plan; and (b) an equity award to each of Mr. Wood, Ms. Becker and Mr. Blocher in the amount of \$6,000,000, \$750,000 and \$337,500, respectively, pursuant to the Trust’s long-term incentive award program (“LTIA”). The amounts of the LTIA awards were determined on the basis of the Trust’s relative total return to shareholders, absolute total return to shareholders and return on invested capital during the period from January 2009 through December 2011. These awards vest equally over the next three years.

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.

FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

/s/ Dawn M. Becker

Dawn M. Becker
Executive Vice President-General Counsel and Secretary

Date: February 15, 2012