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

October 10, 1996
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

PNC BANK CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9718


ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS
1996 Third Quarter Financial Results
On October 10, 1996, PNC Bank Corp. ("Corporation") reported results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 1996. A copy of the earnings press release issued by the Corporation is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
(c) Exhibits

The exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index on page 3 of this Form $8-\mathrm{K}$ is filed herewith.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

PNC BANK CORP.
(Registrant)

Date: October 10, 1996
By: /s/ Robert L. Haunschild
Robert L. Haunschild
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Earnings press release issued by the Corporation on October 10, 1996, with respect to the results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 1996, is filed herewith.

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PNC BANK CORP. REPORTS EARNINGS OF \$256.3 MILLION
EXCLUDING ONE-TIME SAIF ASSESSMENT
PITTSBURGH, Oct. 10, 1996 -- PNC Bank Corp. (NYSE: PNC) today
reported third quarter earnings of $\$ 256.3$ million, excluding a one-time assessment mandated by Congress to recapitalize the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF). On this basis, earnings per fully diluted share increased $21 \%$ to $\$ 0.75$ compared with $\$ 0.62$ for the third quarter of 1995. Return on average assets and average common shareholders' equity were $1.47 \%$ and $17.71 \%$, respectively, compared with $1.11 \%$ and $14.43 \%$ a year ago. Earnings were $\$ 210.7$ million in the year-earlier period.

The corporation recorded a third quarter pre-tax charge of $\$ 35.1$ million for the special one-time SAIF assessment. The SAIF legislation also included provisions that will result in a modest reduction in future annual deposit insurance costs. Including the SAIF assessment, net income was $\$ 234.0$ million and earnings per fully diluted share increased $10 \%$ to $\$ 0.68$. Return on average assets and average common shareholders' equity were $1.34 \%$ and $16.16 \%$, respectively.
"Our third quarter performance reflects progress on strategies designed to increase shareholder value," said Thomas H. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer. "Growth businesses such as asset management, corporate finance, treasury management and brokerage produced strong results, and we benefited from the improved composition of our balance sheet."
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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Net interest income increased $14.5 \%$ and net interest margin widened 76 basis points to $3.85 \%$ as the ratio of average loans to earning assets increased to $76.7 \%$ compared with $65.7 \%$ a year ago.
- Earning assets declined as the wholesale components of the balance sheet were further reduced. Average securities declined $40.6 \%$ in the comparison and the ratio of average wholesale funds to total sources of funds was $26.4 \%$ compared with $34.0 \%$ a year ago.
- Fee-based revenue continued to expand led by asset management, corporate finance, treasury management and brokerage.
- Noninterest expense, excluding the SAIF assessment and the Chemical Bank, New Jersey acquisition, declined 2.5\% from the prior year.
- The Midlantic conversion was completed on schedule, with cost savings ahead of expectations, and involved the conversion of 77 operating systems and 2 million customer accounts.
- Asset quality remained strong. During the quarter, nonperforming assets continued to decline and represented $1.01 \%$ of loans and foreclosed assets at Sept. 30, 1996. Net charge-offs remained low at $0.30 \%$ of loans.
- The corporation acquired 5.9 million common shares during the quarter under stock repurchase programs.
- On Oct. 3, 1996, the board of directors approved a 5.7\% increase in the fourth quarter dividend to $\$ 0.37$ per common share.
- On Oct. 9, 1996, the corporation issued $\$ 300$ million of preferred stock, the proceeds of which will be used to repurchase additional common stock.

Taxable-equivalent net interest income for the third quarter of 1996 increased $\$ 78.1$ million to $\$ 616.9$ million and net interest margin widened to $3.85 \%$ compared with $\$ 538.8$ million and $3.09 \%$, respectively, in the year-earlier period. These increases primarily result from changes in balance sheet composition and acquisitions.
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Noninterest income totaled $\$ 348.4$ million in the third quarter of 1996 compared with $\$ 338.3$ million in the prior-year period. Noninterest income increased $\$ 38.2$ million or $12.3 \%$, excluding gains from the sale of 12 branches in Dayton, Ohio in the prior year. Asset management and trust revenue increased $\$ 13.2$ million or $12.1 \%$ due to growth in personal trust, employee benefit and mutual fund services and an increase in the value of assets under administration. Service fees increased $17.2 \%$ to $\$ 144.4$ million primarily as a result of growth in deposit, corporate finance and brokerage fees. Mortgage banking revenue declined in the comparison primarily due to lower servicing sales and lower demand for mortgage loans. Mortgage originations totaled \$1.2 billion in the third quarter of 1996 and, at Sept. 30, 1996, the corporation serviced approximately $\$ 40.4$ billion of mortgages, including $\$ 27.8$ billion serviced for others. Other noninterest income declined $\$ 14.8$ million to $\$ 39.5$ million, as higher venture capital income in the current period partially offset the impact of gains from branch sales in 1995.

Noninterest expense totaled $\$ 595.4$ million in the third quarter of 1996 compared with $\$ 547.4$ million in the same period of 1995 . Excluding the SAIF assessment and the Chemical acquisition, noninterest expense declined 2.5\% in the comparison. The efficiency ratio improved to $58.1 \%$ for the third quarter of 1996 compared with $62.4 \%$ y year ago, excluding the impact of the SAIF assessment in the current period.

## BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Total assets were $\$ 69.7$ billion at Sept. 30, 1996 compared with $\$ 75.1$ billion a year ago. The decline primarily results from initiatives to downsize the securities portfolio and reduce associated wholesale funding. Average earning assets declined $\$ 5.9$ billion to $\$ 63.5$ billion compared to the third quarter of 1995. Average securities declined $\$ 8.9$ billion to $\$ 13.1$ billion and represented $20.6 \%$ of average earning assets compared with $31.7 \%$ a year ago.

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Average loans increased $\$ 3.1$ billion to $\$ 48.7$ billion, representing $76.7 \%$ of average earning assets compared with $65.7 \%$ a year ago. Excluding acquisitions, average loans grew by $0.7 \%$ in the comparison reflecting the corporation's continued commitment to generating loans with acceptable yield and risk characteristics.

Average deposits declined $\$ 361$ million to $\$ 44.7$ billion for the third quarter of 1996. Average deposits represented $64.3 \%$ of total sources of funds in the third quarter of 1996 compared with 59.9\% a year ago.

The corporation's asset quality remained strong. The allowance for credit losses was $\$ 1.1$ billion at Sept. 30, 1996 and represented $306 \%$ of nonperforming loans compared with 291\% at Sept. 30, 1995. Net charge-offs were $\$ 37$ million, or $0.30 \%$ of average loans in the third quarter of 1996 compared with $\$ 17$ million and $0.15 \%$, respectively, a year ago. Nonperforming assets declined to $\$ 501$ million at Sept. 30,1996 , compared with $\$ 631$ million at the end of the third quarter 1995. The ratio of nonperforming assets to total loans and foreclosed assets was 1.01\% at Sept. 30, 1996 and $1.37 \%$ at Sept. 30, 1995.

Shareholders' equity totaled $\$ 5.8$ billion or $\$ 17.23$ per common share at Sept. 30, 1996. The leverage capital ratio was $7.18 \%$, and Tier I and total risk-based capital ratios are estimated to be 8.5\% and 12.1\%, respectively. During the third quarter of 1996 , approximately 5.9 million common shares were repurchased pursuant to stock repurchase programs. On Oct. 3, 1996, the board of directors approved a 5.7\% increase in the common dividend to $\$ 0.37$ per share. In addition, subsequent to quarter end, the corporation issued $\$ 300$ million of preferred stock, the proceeds of which will be used to repurchase additional shares of common stock.
months of 1996 totaled $\$ 742.7$ million, or $\$ 2.15$ per fully diluted share, compared with $\$ 584.2$ million, or $\$ 1.70$ per fully diluted share, for the first nine months of 1995. On this basis, return on average assets
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and average common shareholders' equity were $1.39 \%$ and $17.23 \%$ respectively, compared with 1.04 and $13.64 \%$, respectively, a year ago. Including the SAIF assessment, net income totaled $\$ 720.3$ million or $\$ 2.08$ per fully diluted share. Return on average assets and average common shareholders' equity were $1.35 \%$ and 16.71\%, respectively.

PNC Bank Corp., headquartered in Pittsburgh, is one of the largest financial services organizations in the United States, with banking subsidiaries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Florida. Its major businesses include consumer banking, corporate banking, mortgage banking, real estate banking and asset management.
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Consolidated Financial Highlights

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\hline months ended & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{s e} & Nine \\
\hline & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{September 30} \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{September 30} \\
\hline & 1996 & 1995 & 1996 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{1995} \\
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\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)} \\
\hline Net interest income (taxable-equivalent basis) & \$616,938 & \$538,809 & \$1,852,972 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{\$1,624,686} \\
\hline Net income & 233,953 & 210,737 & 720,323 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{584,237} \\
\hline Fully diluted earnings per common share & . 68 & . 62 & 2.08 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{1.70} \\
\hline Return on average total assets & 1.34\% & 1.11\% & \(1.35 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{1.04\%} \\
\hline Return on average common shareholders' equity & 16.16 & 14.43 & 16.71 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{13.64 ( 13} \\
\hline Net interest margin & 3.85 & 3.09 & 3.77 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{3.11} \\
\hline After-tax profit margin & 24.24 & 24.03 & 25.19 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{22.81} \\
\hline Efficiency ratio & 61.68 & 62.41 & 60.34 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{64.15} \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{AVERAGE BALANCES (In millions)} \\
\hline Assets & \$69,546 & \$75,266 & \$71,234 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{\$75,149} \\
\hline Earning assets & 63,545 & 69,458 & 65,196 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{69,479} \\
\hline Loans, net of unearned income & 48,713 & 45,646 & 48,825 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{44,713} \\
\hline Securities & 13,097 & 22,045 & 14,214 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{23,048} \\
\hline Deposits & 44,716 & 45,077 & 45,214 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{44,374} \\
\hline Shareholders' equity & 5,766 & 5,802 & 5,766 \\
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5,747
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September 30
As of or for the three months ended
1995

105,973 90,593

| 1,216,630 | 1,293,509 | 3,715,110 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 350,912 | 402,379 |  |
| 80,133 | 220,005 |  |
| 176,655 | 144,106 | 514,465 |
| 607,700 | 766,490 | 1,888,543 |
| 608,930 | 527,019 | 1,826,567 |
|  | 1,500 |  |
| 608,930 | 525,519 | 1,826,567 |
| 122,299 | 109,117 | 367,691 |
| 144,446 | 123,283 |  |
| 34,400 | 51,609 |  |
| 7,722 | 44 |  |
| 39,507 | 54,273 |  |
| 348,374 | 338,326 | 1,006,521 |
| 277,761 | 269,279 | 840,699 |
| 90,229 | 86,730 | 275,694 |
| 29,012 | 26,094 | 80,738 |
| 38,324 | 1,470 |  |
| 160,066 | 163,862 |  |
| 595,392 | 547,435 | 1,725,360 |
| 361,912 | 316,410 | 1,107,728 |
| 127,959 | 105,673 | 387,405 |
| \$233,953 | \$210,737 |  |
| \$. 69 | \$. 62 |  |
| . 68 | . 62 |  |
| . 35 | . 35 | 1.05 |
| 340,535 | 338,983 |  |
| 345,173 | 344,145 | 346,958 |

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Details

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| Three months ended Taxable-equivalent basis | September 30 | June 30 | March 31 | December |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 September 30 |  |  |  |  |
| In thousands | 1996 | 1996 | 1996 |  |
| 19951995 |  |  |  |  |
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| Interest income/expense before financial derivatives |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income | \$1,190,223 | \$1,224,852 | \$1,236,277 |  |
| \$1,318,461 \$1,312,720 |  |  |  |  |
| Loan fees | 28,068 | 20,828 | 24,457 |  |
| 17,965 23,115 |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable-equivalent adjustment | 8,008 | 9,146 | 9,251 |  |
| 11,077 11,790 |  |  |  |  |


| Total interest income | 1,226,299 | 1,254,826 | 1,269,985 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,347,503 1,347,625 |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | 607,882 | 632,229 | 647,197 |  |
| 739,819 760,001 |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income before financial derivatives | 618,417 | 622,597 | 622,788 | 607,684 |
| 587,624 |  |  |  |  |
| Effect of financial derivatives on |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income | $(1,661)$ | $(2,538)$ | $(5,396)$ |  |
| $(36,424) \quad(42,326)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | (182) | 133 | 1,284 |  |
| 7,435 6,489 |  |  |  |  |
| Total effect of financial derivatives | $(1,479)$ | $(2,671)$ | $(6,680)$ |  |
| $(43,859) \quad(48,815)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income | \$616,938 | \$619,926 | \$616,108 |  |
| \$563,825 \$538,809 |  |  |  |  |

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Details of Net Interest Margin
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Nine months ended

September 30
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| Taxable-equivalent basis | 1996 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19961995 |  |  |



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| :--- | :--- |
| C $>$ |  |
| Rates earned/paid before financial derivatives | $<C>$ |

ates earned/paid before financial derivatives
Book-basis yield on earning assets
$7.43 \% \quad 7.49 \%$
$7.44 \%$
7.47\%

Effect of loan fees
. 15 . 12
Taxable-equivalent adjustment .07
$\qquad$
Taxable-equivalent yield on earning assets
7.66

Rate on interest-bearing liabilities
5.06
Interest rate spread

| 3.00 |
| :--- |
| $\quad 2.60$ |
| Noninterest-bearing sources |
| .77 |

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Net interest margin before financial derivatives
3.86
3.37
.05

| $\begin{array}{lc}  & \text { Net interest margin } \\ 3.77 \% & 3.11 \% \end{array}$ |  | $3.85 \%$ | 3.09\% |  |
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| Three months ended | September 30 | June 30 | March 31 | December 31 |
| September 30 |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable-equivalent basis | 1996 | 1996 | 1996 | 1995 |
| 1995 |  |  |  |  |
| - ------------------ |  |  |  |  |
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| <C> |  |  |  |  |
| Rates earned/paid before financial derivatives |  |  |  |  |
| Book-basis yield on earning assets | 7.43\% | 7.37\% | 7.51\% |  |
| $7.50 \%$ 7.49\% |  |  |  |  |
| Effect of loan fees | . 17 | . 12 | . 15 |  |
| . 10 . 13 |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable-equivalent adjustment | . 05 | . 06 | . 06 | . 06 |
| . 07 ( |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable-equivalent yield on earning assets | 7.65 | 7.55 | 7.72 | 7.66 |
| Rate on interest-bearing liabilities | 4.60 | 4.59 | 4.74 | 4.98 |
| 5.11 |  |  |  |  |
| Interest rate spread | 3.05 | 2.96 | 2.98 |  |
| 2.68 2.58 |  |  |  |  |
| Noninterest-bearing sources | . 81 | . 78 | . 79 | . 79 |
| . 79 |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin before financial derivatives | 3.86 | 3.74 | 3.77 | 3.47 |
| 3.37 ( 37 |  |  |  |  |
| Effect of financial derivatives on Interest income | (.01) | (.02) | (.03) |  |
| (.20) (.24) |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense |  |  | . 01 |  |
| . 05.04 |  |  |  |  |
| Total effect of financial derivatives $(.25) \quad(.28)$ | (.01) | (.02) | (.04) |  |
| Net interest margin | 3.85\% | 3.72\% | 3.73\% |  |
| 3.22\% 3.09\% |  |  |  |  |




| Other |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 9,473 | 8,465 | 8,295 |

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Three months ended September 30 June 30 March 31 December 31

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Total assets
\(\$ 69,662 \quad \$ 73,404\)
\$75,100
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LIABILITIES
Deposits
Noninterest-bearing \$10,900 \$10,707
\$9,225
Interest-bearing
34,645
\(\qquad\)
Total deposits
\begin{tabular}{rr}
45,430 & 46,899 \\
1,523 & 3,817 \\
909 & 2,851 \\
400 & 1,244 \\
2,505 & 8,665 \\
5,337 & 10,398 \\
11,313 & 1,674 \\
1,784 & 67,636
\end{tabular}

Total liabilities
69,187
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
Preferred stock - \$1 par value
Authorized: 17,471,629; 17,529,342 and 17,545,591 shares
Issued and outstanding: 808,829; 848,784 and 865,033 shares
1
Common stock - \$5 par value
Authorized: 450,000,000 shares
Issued: 343,316,174; 340,863,348 and 344,939,110 shares 1,717 1,704
1,725
Capital surplus 590
702
Retained earnings 3,931 3, 371
3,831
Deferred benefit expense
(92)

Net unrealized securities gains (losses)
(115)

26
(41)

Common stock held in treasury at cost: 7,831,321 and 9,002,981 shares
(249)
(213)

Total shareholders' equity
5,913
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity \$75,100

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\hline Three months ended & September 30 & June 30 & March 31 & December 31 \\
\hline September 30 & & & & \\
\hline In millions & 1996 & 1996 & 1996 & 1995 \\
\hline 1995 & & & & \\
\hline <S> & <C> & <C> & <C> & <C> \\
\hline <C> & & & & \\
\hline ASSETS & & & & \\
\hline Interest-earning assets & & & & \\
\hline Short-term investments & \$807 & \$1,155 & \$1,102 & \$950 \\
\hline \$815 & & & & \\
\hline Securities available for sale & 13,097 & 14,740 & 14,818 & 9,349 \\
\hline 3,222 & & & & \\
\hline Investment securities & & & & 10,101 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


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Asset Quality Data

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\hline ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES Three months ended & September 30 & June 30 & March 31 & December 31 & September 30 & June 30 \\
\hline March 31 & & & & & & \\
\hline In millions & 1996 & 1996 & 1996 & 1995 & 1995 & 1995 \\
\hline 1995 & & & & & & \\
\hline <S> & <C> & <C> & <C> & <C> & <C> & <C> \\
\hline <C> & & & & & & \\
\hline Beginning balance & \$1,189 & \$1,225 & \$1,259 & \$1,285 & \$1,300 & \$1,318 \\
\hline
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\$1,352
Charge-offs

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LOAN PORTFOLIO
Period ended September 30 June 30 March 31 December 31
September 30
In millions
1996
1996
1996
1995
1995
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$<\mathrm{S}>$
$<\mathrm{C}>$

Consumer
\$11,954
Residential mortgage
11,444
Commercial
15,789
Commercial real estate
Commercial mortgage 2,799
Real estate project
$2,544 \quad 2,64$
$2,644 \quad 2,737 \quad 2,775$

2,193
2,137
2,139
2,261
Other
2,044
----------------
Total loans
49,790
46,291
Unearned income
(390)


Loans, net of unearned income
$\$ 49,443$
$\$ 49,223$
$\$ 48,800$
$\$ 48,653$
\$45,901
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