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

APRIL 15, 1997
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
PENNSYLVANIA 25-1435979
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

ONE PNC PLAZA<br>249 FIFTH AVENUE<br>PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222-2707<br>(Address of principal executive offices)<br>(Zip Code)<br>(412) 762-1553<br>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)<br>(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS
First Quarter 1997 Financial Results
On April 15, 1997, PNC Bank Corp. ("Corporation") reported results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1997. 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 $8-K$ 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: April 15, 1997
By: /s/ Robert L. Haunschild
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Robert L. Haunschild
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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PNC BANK CORP. REPORTS 16\% INCREASE IN EPS
FOR FIRST QUARTER 1997
PITTSBURGH, April 15, 1997 -- PNC Bank Corp. (NYSE: PNC) today
reported first quarter 1997 earnings per share increased \(16 \%\) to \(\$ 0.80\) per fully diluted share compared with \(\$ 0.69\) per fully diluted share in the first quarter of 1996 . Net income was \(\$ 266\) million compared with \(\$ 238\) million in the year-earlier period. Returns on average common shareholders' equity and average assets were \(19.48 \%\) and \(1.54 \%\), respectively, compared with \(16.65 \%\) and \(1.34 \%\) a year ago.
"Our first quarter performance was in line with expectations," said Thomas H. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer. "The results reflect strong revenue growth from our national businesses somewhat offset by higher marketing expenses as we continued to aggressively invest in our AAA
initiative."
HIGHLIGHTS
- Revenue increased \(13 \%\) in the quarter-to-quarter comparison led by growth in fee-based businesses.
- Asset management, mutual fund servicing, treasury management and capital markets revenue all grew in excess of \(14 \%\).
- Net interest margin widened 25 basis points to \(3.98 \%\).
- Significant investments were made to market products and services to AAA members nationwide.

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- Asset quality remained strong. Nonperforming assets continued to decline and consumer asset quality trends were stable.
- During the first quarter, 12.4 million common shares were repurchased.
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INCOME STATEMENT REVIEW
Taxable-equivalent net interest income increased $\$ 21$ million to $\$ 637$ million for the first quarter of 1997 and net interest margin widened to $3.98 \%$ compared with $3.73 \%$ in the year-earlier period. These increases primarily result from a higher-yielding earning asset mix and a lower cost of funds.

Noninterest income increased $\$ 104$ million to $\$ 425$ million in the first quarter of 1997. Asset management fees increased $\$ 19$ million or $15.5 \%$ primarily due to higher private banking, employee benefits and mutual fund servicing revenue. Managed assets increased to approximately \$115 billion at March 31, 1997 compared with $\$ 103$ billion a year ago. Service fees increased $\$ 37$ million or $28.5 \%$ primarily from growth in deposit and treasury management services, credit card and capital markets fee income.

Mortgage banking revenue declined primarily due to lower
origination volumes. Mortgage originations totaled $\$ 1.1$ billion in the first quarter of 1997 and $\$ 1.4$ billion in the year-earlier period. At March 31, 1997, the corporation serviced approximately $\$ 40.7$ billion of mortgages including $\$ 30.4$ billion serviced for others.

Other noninterest income increased $\$ 38$ million in the comparison primarily due asset securitization income.

Noninterest expense increased $\$ 71$ million to $\$ 636$ million in the first quarter of 1997 primarily due to $\$ 45$ million of marketing, servicing and other costs associated with AAA-related businesses. The remaining increase was due to higher incentive compensation commensurate with revenue growth, a
special employee appreciation award and the cost of trust preferred securities. The efficiency ratio was 59.9\% for the first quarter of 1997.
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BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Total assets were $\$ 71.2$ billion at March 31, 1997 and $\$ 72.7$ billion a year ago. Average earning assets declined $\$ 1.9$ billion to $\$ 63.8$ billion, reflecting a continued reduction of the securities portfolio partially offset by loan growth. Average securities declined $\$ 4.7$ billion to $\$ 10.1$ billion and represented $15.8 \%$ of average earning assets compared with $22.6 \%$ a year ago. Average loans increased $\$ 3.3$ billion to $\$ 51.9$ billion and represented $81.4 \%$ of average earning assets compared with $74.0 \%$ a year ago. Excluding purchased credit card portfolios, loans grew at an annual rate of $3.8 \%$.

Average interest-bearing funding sources declined \$1.7 billion to $\$ 53.1$ billion in the first quarter of 1997 primarily due to a lower level of deposits. Deposits represented $62.8 \%$ of total sources for the first quarter of 1997 compared with $63.5 \%$ a year ago.

Shareholders' equity totaled $\$ 5.5$ billion at March 31, 1997. The leverage ratio was $7.17 \%$ and Tier I and total risk-based capital ratios are estimated to be $7.7 \%$ and $11.1 \%$, respectively. During the first quarter of 1997 , 12.4 million common shares were repurchased. Subsequent to quarter end, the board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to 15 million additional shares of common stock through March 31, 1998.

Asset quality remained strong. Nonperforming assets declined to $\$ 429$ million at March 31, 1997, compared with $\$ 540$ million at March 31, 1996. The ratio of nonperforming assets to total loans and foreclosed assets was $0.82 \%$ at March 31, 1997 and 1.10\% a year ago.

The allowance for credit losses was $\$ 1.1$ billion at March 31, 1997 and represented $346 \%$ of nonperforming loans compared with $329 \%$ a year ago. Net charge-offs increased to $\$ 61$ million or $0.48 \%$ of average loans in the first quarter of 1997 compared with $\$ 34$ million and $0.28 \%$, respectively, in the year-earlier period. The increase was in line with expectations and was due primarily to charge-offs associated with purchased credit card portfolios.
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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. PNC Bank Corp.'s major businesses include consumer banking, corporate banking, mortgage banking, real estate banking and asset management.

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March 31
As of or for the three months ended
1996

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31 December 31

March 31
Three months ended - in thousands, except per share data 1997
1996



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INTEREST INCOME

INTEREST EXPENSE

| Deposits | 346,155 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 370,983 |  |
| Borrowed funds | 354,985 |
| 277,498 | 266,076 |

Total interest expense
648,481
-----------------
Net interest income
606,857
Provision for credit losses

Net interest income less provision for credit losses
606,857
NONINTEREST INCOME

321,562
NONINTEREST EXPENSE

| Staff expense | 302,701 | 269,233 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 278,657 |  |  |
| Net occupancy and equipment | 89,284 | 92,955 |
| 93,283 |  |  |
| Amortization | 29,831 | 36,701 |
| 23,664 |  |  |
| Other | 214,388 | 187,601 |

170,042
-----------------
Total noninterest expense
565,646


| Net income $\$ 238,320$ | \$266,309 | \$271,903 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders \$239,179 | \$262,541 | \$268,662 |
| ```EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE Primary $.69 Fully diluted .69``` | $\$ .81$ .80 | $\$ .80$ .79 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE } \\ & .35 \end{aligned}$ | . 37 | . 37 |
| ```AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING Primary 342,872 Fully diluted 347,367``` | 323,972 327,917 | 334,428 338,707 |

PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Details of Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin
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NET INTEREST INCOME
Taxable-equivalent basis March 31 December 31 September 30 June 30

| March 31 | 1997 | 1996 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

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NET INTEREST MARGIN

| Taxable-equivalent basis | March 31 | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31 |  |  |  |  |
| Three months ended | 1997 | 1996 | 1996 | 1996 |
| 1996 |  |  |  |  |
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| Rates earned/paid |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yield on earning assets |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | 8.20\% | 8.07\% | 8.01\% |  |
| 7.94\% 8.10\% |  |  |  |  |
| Securities | 6.27 | 6.32 | 6.39 | 6.37 |
| 6.48 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.58 Other interest-earning assets | 6.68 | 6.84 | 6.87 | 6.47 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total yield on earning assets | 7.86 | 7.71 | 7.64 | 7.53 |
| 7.69 |  |  |  |  |
| Rate on interest-bearing liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 4.06 | 4.05 | 4.01 | 4.00 |
| 4.16 |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowed funds | 5.76 | 5.79 | 5.77 | 5.67 |
| 5.86 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.75 Total rate on interest-bearing liabilities | 4.66 | 4.62 | 4.60 | 4.59 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest rate spread | 3.20 | 3.09 | 3.04 | 2.94 |
| 2.94 |  |  |  |  |
| . 79 Impact of noninterest-bearing sources | . 78 | . 83 | . 81 | . 78 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin | 3.98\% | 3.92\% | 3.85\% |  |
| 3.72\% 3.73\% |  |  |  |  |

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Details of Noninterest Income and Noninterest Expense
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NONINTEREST INCOME

March 31

| Three months ended - in thousands | 1997 | 1996 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Asset management
Asset management and trust

| $\$ 106,899$ | $\$ 97,588$ | $\$ 92,569$ | $\$ 94,269$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 32,673 | 31,460 | 29,730 | 30,246 |

Mutual fund servicing
27,449

| Total asset management | 139,572 | 129,048 | 122,299 | 124,515 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120,877 |  |  |  |  |
| Service fees |  |  |  |  |
| Deposit | 80,858 | 77,571 | 74,104 | 72,403 |
| 65,518 |  |  |  |  |
| Brokerage | 13,242 | 12,392 | 12,432 | 15,344 |
| 13,642 |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer | 17,297 | 19,246 | 16,602 | 14,370 |
| 13,458 |  |  |  |  |
| Corporate finance and capital markets | 16,592 | 16,449 | 19,645 | 16,106 |
| 13,415 |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card and merchant services | 19,104 | 14,903 | 5,656 | 282 |
| 8,918 |  |  |  |  |
| Insurance | 9,146 | 8,706 | 7,712 | 6,872 |
| 6,772 |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 11,182 | 8,778 | 8,295 | 8,221 |
| 8,546 |  |  |  |  |
| Total service fees | 167,421 | 158,045 | 44,446 | 33,598 |
| 130,269 |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgage banking |  |  |  |  |
| Servicing | 27,449 | 30,064 | 29,361 | 30,443 |
| 29,038 |  |  |  |  |


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NONINTEREST EXPENSE
March 31

| Three months ended - in thousands | 1997 | 1996 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

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| PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES | Page 9 |  | December 31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consolidated Balance Sheet |  |  |  |
| <TABLE> |  |  |  |
| <CAPTION> |  | March 31 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31 |  |  |  |
| Dollars in millions, except par values |  | 1997 | 1996 |
| 996 |  |  |  |

Cash and due from banks \$3,096 \$4,016
Short-term investments
702
Loans held for sale
1,369
Securities available for sale
14,692
Loans, net of unearned income of \$387, \$385 and \$380
48,800
Allowance for credit losses
$(1,225)$

Net loans
47,575
Other
4,611
-----------------
Total assets
\$72, 668
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LIABILITIES
Deposits
Noninterest-bearing
\$9,899
Interest-bearing
35,722
$\qquad$
Total deposits
45,621
Borrowed funds
Bank notes and senior debt
7,995
Federal funds purchased
3,434
Repurchase agreements
2,754
Other borrowed funds
3,911
Subordinated debt
1,358


Total borrowed funds
19,452
Other
1,809
------------------
Total liabilities
66,882
Mandatorily Redeemable Capital Securities of Subsidiary Trust
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
Preferred stock
1
Common stock
1,709
Capital surplus
563
Retained earnings
3,689
Deferred benefit expense
(60) (77)

Net unrealized securities losses
(67) (98)

Common stock held in treasury
(1)
$\qquad$
Total shareholders' equity
5,786

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity
$\$ 71,166$
$\$ 73,260$

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CONSOLIDATED AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET


## \$14,818

Loans, net of unearned income
Consumer
Credit card
Other consumer
12,384

Total consumer
13,370
Residential mortgage
11,619
Commercial
16,806
Commercial real estate
4,885
Other
1,945

Total loans, net of unearned income 48,625

Other interest-earning assets 2,262
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## Total interest-earning assets

65,705
Noninterest-earning assets
6,028
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Total assets
\$71,733

LIABILITIES
Interest-bearing liabilities Deposits
\$35,872
Borrowed funds
18,891

Total interest-bearing liabilities
54,763
Noninterest-bearing deposits
9,681
Other
1,525

## Total liabilities

65,969
Mandatorily Redeemable Capital Securities of Subsidiary Trust
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
5,764
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LOAN PORTFOLIO

|  | March 31 | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31 |  |  |  |  |
| Period ended - in millions | 1997 | 1996 | 1996 | 1996 |
| 1996 |  |  |  |  |
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| <C> |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card | \$3,345 | \$2,776 | \$1,077 | \$988 |
| \$975 |  |  |  |  |
| Other consumer | 11,356 | 12,092 | 12,264 | 12,190 |
| 12,591 |  |  |  |  |
| Residential mortgage | 13,056 | 12,703 | 12,642 | 12,139 |
| 11,620 |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial | 18,517 | 18,062 | 17,484 | 17,296 |
| 16,950 |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial real estate |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial mortgage | 2,397 | 2,467 | 2,544 | 2,644 |
| 2,737 |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate project | 2,137 | 2,157 | 2,090 | 2,193 |
| 2,137 |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 2,154 | 1,926 | 1,689 | 2,131 |
| 2,170 |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans | 52,962 | 52,183 | 49,790 | 49,581 |
| 49,180 |  |  |  |  |
| Unearned income | (387) | (385) | (347) |  |
| (358) (380) |  |  |  |  |
| Loans, net of unearned income | \$52,575 | \$51,798 | \$49,443 | \$49,223 |
| \$48,800 |  |  |  |  |

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ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES



