AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K September 24, 2015

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 24, 2015

Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 001-36152 (Commission 20-3109565 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number) 2030 Main Street, Suite 1500 **Identification Number**)

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Irvine, California 92614

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (949) 526-8700

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

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 24, 2015, Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that on September 23, 2015, dosing commenced for the first patients enrolled in Rocket 4, the Company s fourth Phase 3 registration trial of RhopressaTM. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

The information in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the information in this Item 7.01 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this Item 7.01 is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that this information is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press Release dated September 24, 2015.

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.

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: September 24, 2015

By: /s/ Richard J. Rubino Richard J. Rubino Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release dated September 24, 2015.