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) November 1, 2018

NOW INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-36325 (Commission File Number) 46-4191184 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7402 North Eldridge Parkway Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77041 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 281-823-4700

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Dere-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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 1, 2018, NOW Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018 and conference call in connection therewith. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is provided as part of the information furnished under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 NOW Inc. press release dated November 1, 2018 announcing the earnings results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018.

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.

Date: November 1, 2018

NOW INC.

/s/ Raymond W. Chang

Raymond W. Chang Vice President & General Counsel



Earnings Conference Call November 1, 2018 8:00 a.m. CST 1 (800) 446-1671 (North America) 1 (847) 413-3362 (Outside North America) Webcast: <u>ir.distributionnow.com</u>

NOW Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2018 Results

HOUSTON, TX, November 1, 2018—NOW Inc. (NYSE: DNOW) announced results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018.

Third Quarter 2018 Financial Highlights

- Revenue was \$822 million for the third quarter of 2018, up 18 percent year over year.
- Net income was \$20 million for the third quarter of 2018, versus a net loss of \$9 million a year ago. Non-GAAP net income excluding other costs was \$17 million for the third quarter of 2018 compared to a loss of \$3 million a year ago.
- Diluted earnings per share was \$0.18 for the third quarter of 2018 compared to a loss per share of \$0.08 a year ago. Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share excluding other costs was \$0.15 for the third quarter of 2018 compared to a loss per share of \$0.03 a year ago.
- Non-GAAP EBITDA excluding other costs for the third quarter of 2018 was \$33 million compared to \$5 million a year ago.

Refer to Supplemental Information in this release for GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations.

Robert Workman, President and CEO of NOW Inc., added, "We're pleased to announce the highest levels of quarterly revenue, operating profit and EBITDA excluding other costs since early 2015, with working capital turns nearing five and positive free cash flow posted again in the third quarter of 2018. As we move into the seasonally slower fourth quarter due to holidays and budget exhaustion, exacerbated by temporary regional takeaway capacity issues in the Permian and Canada, conditions could portend a softer than normal close to the year. We remain encouraged, however, by the stable land rig count and continued growing inventory of drilled but uncompleted wells, which provide a runway of future work for DNOW and therefore should enable us to achieve higher levels of activity in 2019."

Prior to the earnings conference call a presentation titled "NOW Inc., Third Quarter 2018 Review & Key Takeaways" will be available on the Company's Investor Relations website.

About NOW Inc.

NOW Inc. is one of the largest distributors to energy and industrial markets on a worldwide basis, with a legacy of over 150 years. NOW Inc. operates primarily under the DistributionNOW and Wilson Export brands. Through its network of approximately 265 locations and 4,500 employees worldwide, NOW Inc. offers a comprehensive line of products and solutions for the upstream, midstream and downstream energy and industrial sectors. Our locations provide products and solutions to exploration and production companies, energy transportation companies, refineries, chemical companies, utilities, manufacturers and engineering and construction companies.

Statements made in this press release that are forward-looking in nature are intended to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and may involve risks and uncertainties. These statements may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to documents filed by NOW Inc. with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which identify significant risk factors which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

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NOW INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In millions, except share data)

	-	ember 30, 2018	ember 31, 2017
ASSETS	(Uı	naudited)	
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	91	\$ 98
Receivables, net		559	423
Inventories, net		599	590
Prepaid and other current assets		23	 18
Total current assets		1,272	 1,129
Property, plant and equipment, net		105	119
Deferred income taxes		2	2
Goodwill		322	328
Intangibles, net		150	166
Other assets		10	 5
Total assets	\$	1,861	\$ 1,749
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	356	\$ 290
Accrued liabilities		108	103
Other current liabilities		3	 1
Total current liabilities		467	394
Long-term debt		170	162
Deferred income taxes		6	7
Other long-term liabilities		1	 1
Total liabilities		644	564
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock—par value \$0.01; 20 million shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding			—
Common stock—par value \$0.01; 330 million shares authorized; 108,420,106 and 108,030,438 shares			
issued and outstanding at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively		1	1
Additional paid-in capital		2,030	2,019
Accumulated deficit		(694)	(730)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(120)	 (105)
Total stockholders' equity		1,217	 1,185
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,861	\$ 1,749

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NOW INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (In millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2018	<u>iber 30,</u> 2017	<u>June 30,</u> 2018	2018	10er 30, 2017	
Revenue	\$ 822	\$ 697	\$ 777	\$2,363	\$ 1,979	
Operating expenses:						
Cost of products	654	562	620	1,890	1,606	
Warehousing, selling and administrative	142	141	139	422	414	
Operating profit (loss)	26	(6)	18	51	(41)	
Other expense	(4)	(3)	(3)	(11)	(8)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	22	(9)	15	40	(49)	
Income tax provision (benefit)	2		1	4		
Net income (loss)	\$ 20	\$ (9)	\$ 14	\$ 36	\$ (49)	
Earnings (loss) per share:						
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.18	\$(0.08)	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.45)	
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.18	\$(0.08)	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.45)	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic	108	108	108	108	108	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, diluted	109	108	108	109	108	

NOW INC. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUSINESS SEGMENTS (UNAUDITED) (In millions)

	Th	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
		nber 30,	<u>June 30,</u>	September 30,		
	2018	2017	2018	2018	2017	
Revenue:						
United States	\$630	\$506	\$ 600	\$1,792	\$ 1,426	
Canada	93	96	75	270	271	
International	99	95	102	301	282	
Total revenue	\$822	\$697	\$ 777	\$2,363	\$ 1,979	

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NOW INC. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

U.S. GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP) TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS

NET INCOME (LOSS) TO NON-GAAP EBITDA EXCLUDING OTHER COSTS RECONCILIATION (UNAUDITED) (In millions)

		Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	<u>Septe</u> 2018	<u>mber 30,</u> 2017	<u>June 30,</u> 2018	2018	<u>nber 30,</u> 2017		
GAAP net income (loss) (1)	\$ 20	\$ (9)	\$ 14	\$ 36	\$ (49)		
Interest, net	2	2	2	6	4		
Income tax provision (benefit)	2		1	4	_		
Depreciation and amortization	9	12	11	31	38		
Other costs (2)	—		1	1	1		
EBITDA excluding other costs	\$ 33	\$5	\$ 29	\$ 78	\$ (6)		
EBITDA % excluding other costs (3)	4.0%	0.7%	3.7%	3.3%	(0.3%)		

NET INCOME (LOSS) TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME (LOSS) EXCLUDING OTHER COSTS RECONCILIATION (UNAUDITED) (In millions)

	Th	ree Months H	Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	Septem	ber 30,	June 30,	Septer	nber 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2018	2017	
GAAP net income (loss) (1)	\$ 20	\$ (9)	\$ 14	\$ 36	\$ (49)	
Other costs, net of tax (4)(5)	(3)	6	(4)	(8)	19	
Net income (loss) excluding other costs ⁽⁵⁾	<u>\$ 17</u>	\$ (3)	<u>\$ 10</u>	\$ 28	\$ (30)	

DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE TO NON-GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE EXCLUDING OTHER COSTS RECONCILIATION (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		June 30,	September 30,		
	2018	2017	2018	2018	2017	
GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share (1)	\$ 0.18	\$(0.08)	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.45)	
Other costs, net of tax (4)	(0.03)	0.05	(0.02)	(0.08)	0.17	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share excluding other costs (5)	\$ 0.15	\$(0.03)	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.28)	

(1) In an effort to provide investors with additional information regarding our results as determined by GAAP, we disclose various non-GAAP financial measures in our quarterly earnings press releases and other public disclosures. The non-GAAP financial measures include: (i) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) excluding other costs, (ii) net income (loss) excluding other costs and (iii) diluted earnings (loss) per share excluding other costs. Each of these financial measures excludes the impact of certain other costs and therefore has not been calculated in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of each of these non-GAAP financial measures to its most comparable GAAP financial measure is included in the schedules herein.

(2) Other costs includes severance expenses and accelerated debt issuance costs, which are included in operating profit (loss) and other expense, respectively.

(3) EBITDA % excluding other costs is defined as EBITDA excluding other costs divided by Revenue.

(4) Other costs, net of tax, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, included a benefit of \$3 million and \$9 million, after tax, respectively, from changes in the valuation allowance recorded against the Company's deferred tax assets; as well as, nil and \$1 million, respectively, after tax, in severance expenses and accelerated debt issuance costs, which are included in operating profit (loss) and other expense, respectively. The Company has excluded the impact of a \$9 million tax charge related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and a \$4 million tax charge related to the write-off of a previously recognized deferred tax asset on its valuation allowance in computing net income (loss) excluding other costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

(5) Totals may not foot due to rounding.

