Homeowners Choice, Inc. Form 8-K March 21, 2013

# 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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 20, 2013

# Homeowners Choice, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-34126 (Commission 20-5961396 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation or Organization)

File Number)

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5300 West Cypress Street, Suite 100

Tampa Florida 33607

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(813) 405-3600

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

#### Item 4.01 Changes in Certifying Accountant.

Our audit committee has determined to engage Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP and thereby replace Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A. as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for the audit of the company s financial statements effective March 20, 2013.

The audit reports of Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A. on the consolidated financial statements of the company as of December 31, 2011 and 2012 and the years then ended did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. The audit report of Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A. on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor was it qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012, there were (i) no disagreements between the company and Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A. on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A would have caused Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A to make reference thereto in its reports on the consolidated financial statements for such years, and (ii) no reportable events as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K. We provided Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A with a copy of this Form 8-K, and requested Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A to furnish us with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements. A copy of such letter, dated March 20, 2013, is filed as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K

(b) The engagement of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for the audit of the company s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2013 is effective March 20, 2013. During the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012, we have not consulted with Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on our consolidated financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to us or oral advice was provided that Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP concluded was an important factor considered by us in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

# (a) Exhibits

Exhibit 16 Letter of Hacker, Johnson & Smith P.A.

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#### **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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 21, 2013.

HOMEOWNERS CHOICE, INC.

BY: /s/ Richard R. Allen Name: Richard R. Allen Title: Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this Form 8-K has been provided to Homeowners Choice, Inc. and will be retained by Homeowners Choice, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.