

**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): **February 6, 2012**

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11840
(Commission File Number)

36-3871531
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 402-5000**

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:

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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 7, 2012, the Registrant announced the election of John W. Rowe to its Board of Directors effective February 7, 2012, increasing the size of the Board to 12 directors. The Board has not yet determined Mr. Rowe's committee assignments. Mr. Rowe's compensation will be consistent with the Registrant's previously disclosed standard compensatory arrangements for non-employee directors, which are described in the Registrant's most recent proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2011, file number 001-11840, under the heading "Director Compensation." Mr. Rowe's compensation will be prorated to reflect the commencement date of his service on the Board. In addition, the Registrant expects to enter into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Rowe in substantially the form filed as Exhibit 10.2 to its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Rowe's election is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report. The Board took action to elect Mr. Rowe as a director on February 6, 2012.

Section 9 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Registrant's Press Release dated February 7, 2012

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.

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jennifer M. Hager
Name: Jennifer M. Hager
Title: Vice President,
Assistant General Counsel,
and Assistant Secretary

Date: February 7, 2012



NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Allstate Elects John W. Rowe to Board***Board Increased to 12 Directors***

NORTHBROOK, Ill., February 7, 2012 — The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL) announced that John W. Rowe, 66, chairman and chief executive officer of Exelon Corporation, has been elected to its board of directors. Effective February 7, his election increases the number of Allstate board members to 12. Rowe will stand for election with all board members, who are elected annually, at Allstate's shareholder meeting in May.

"John's successful operating and leadership experience at Exelon complement the strength of Allstate's existing board of directors," said Thomas J. Wilson, Allstate's chairman, president and chief executive officer. "As we implement our strategy to offer unique insurance products to different customer segments, these capabilities improve our execution and enable us to deliver increased value to shareholders."

"I look forward to working with Tom and the entire Allstate board to share my experience in implementing a strategy to provide better value for customers and shareholders," Rowe said.

Rowe has led Exelon — one of the nation's largest electric companies — since its formation in 2000 through the merger of PECO Energy and the parent of Commonwealth Edison. He has announced his plans to retire this year upon completion of Exelon's planned merger with Constellation Energy. In both 2008 and 2009, *Institutional Investor* named Rowe the best electric utility CEO in America. Earlier in his career, Rowe held chief executive officer positions at the New England Electric System and Central Maine Power Company, served as general counsel of Consolidated Rail Corporation, and was a partner in the law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale. Rowe is the lead independent director of the Northern Trust Company.

Rowe is committed to a wide variety of civic activities, with a focus on education and diversity. He serves as chairman of the Illinois Institute of Technology, president of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, and board member at the Field Museum, the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and the Morgridge Institute for Research. His civic and professional leadership has been recognized most recently by the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Award (2010), the Edison Electric Institute Distinguished Leadership Award (2009), election as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2009), and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Global Leadership Award (2009). Rowe holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL) is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer. Widely known through the "You're In Good Hands With Allstate®" slogan, Allstate is reinventing protection and retirement to help nearly 16 million households insure what they have today and better prepare for tomorrow. Consumers access Allstate insurance products (auto, home, life and retirement) and services through Allstate agencies, independent agencies, and Allstate exclusive financial representatives in the U.S. and Canada, as well as via www.allstate.com and 1-800 Allstate®. As part of Allstate's commitment to strengthen local communities, The Allstate Foundation, Allstate employees, agency owners and the corporation provided \$28 million in 2011 to thousands of nonprofit organizations and important causes across the United States.

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