W. P. Carey Inc. Form 8-K February 23, 2017

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 23, 2017

W. P. CAREY INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland 001-13779 45-4549771

(State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 492-1100

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2017, W. P. Carey Inc. ("W. P. Carey") issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2016. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 23, 2017, W. P. Carey made available certain unaudited supplemental financial information at December 31, 2016. A copy of this supplemental information is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Earnings release of W. P. Carey for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.

Exhibit 99.2 Supplemental financial information of W. P. Carey at December 31, 2016.

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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.

W. P. Carey Inc.

Date: February 23, 2017 By:/s/ ToniAnn Sanzone ToniAnn Sanzone Chief Financial Officer