

BANKRATE INC
Form SC 13E3/A
September 25, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13E-3/A

RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT
(Under Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)
(Amendment No. 6)

BANKRATE, INC.
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

BEN MERGER SUB, INC.

BEN HOLDINGS, INC.

BANKRATE, INC.

Peter C. Morse

Thomas R. Evans

Robert P. O Block

Edward J. DiMaria

Daniel P. Hoogterp

Steven L. Horowitz

Michael Ricciardelli

Donaldson M. Ross

Bruce J. Zanca

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statements)

Ben Holding S.à r.l.

Apax US VII, L.P.

Apax Europe VII-A, L.P.

Apax Europe VII-B, L.P.

Apax Europe VII-1, L.P.

Apax US VII GP, L.P.

Apax US VII GP, Ltd.

Apax Europe VII GP L.P. Inc.

Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited

Apax Partners Europe Managers Ltd

(Names of Filing Persons (Other Person(s)))

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

06646V108

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This statement is filed in connection with (check the appropriate box):

1. The filing of solicitation materials or an information statement subject to Regulation 14A, Regulation 14C, or Rule 13e-3(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. The filing of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.
3. A tender offer.
4. None of the above.

Check the following box if the soliciting material or information statement referred to in checking box (a) are preliminary copies:

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the transaction:

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*
\$586,151,577

Amount of Filing Fee**
\$32,707

* Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. The calculation assumes the purchase of 19,223,794 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$28.50 per share. The transaction value also includes the offer price of \$28.50 multiplied by 1,326,803, the estimated

number of
options to
purchase shares
that are
currently
outstanding and
exercisable
upon expiration
of the offer.

** The amount of
the filing fee is
calculated in
accordance with
Fee Rate
Advisory #5 for
Fiscal Year
2009 issued by
the SEC,
effective
March 11, 2009,
by multiplying
the Transaction
Value by
0.00005580.

b Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$32,707

Filing Party: BEN Merger Sub, Inc.,
BEN Holdings, Inc. and other filers

Schedule: Schedule TO-T

Date Filed: July 28, 2009

INTRODUCTION

This Amendment No. 6 to the Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3, together with the exhibits hereto (the Transaction Statement), is being filed by BEN Merger Sub, Inc. (Purchaser), BEN Holdings, Inc. (Parent), Ben Holding S.à r.l., Apax US VII, L.P., Apax Europe VII-A, L.P., Apax Europe VII-B, L.P., Apax Europe VII-1, L.P., Apax US VII GP, L.P., Apax US VII GP, Ltd., Apax Europe VII GP L.P. Inc., Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited, Apax Partners Europe Managers Ltd, Bankrate, Inc., a Florida corporation (Bankrate or the Company), the issuer of the common stock that is subject to the Rule 13e-3 transaction, Peter C. Morse, Thomas R. Evans, Robert P. O Block, Edward J. DiMaria, Daniel P. Hoogterp, Steven L. Horowitz, Michael Ricciardelli, Donaldson M. Ross and Bruce J. Zanca. Parent is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ben Holding S.à r.l., which is beneficially owned by Apax US VII, L.P. (Apax US VII Fund), Apax Europe VII-A, L.P., Apax Europe VII-B, L.P. and Apax Europe VII-1, L.P. (Apax Europe VII Funds). Apax Partners, L.P. is (i) an advisor to Apax US VII Fund under an investment advisory agreement with Apax US VII Fund, (ii) an advisor to Apax Europe VII Funds, and (iii) an advisor to Apax Partners Europe Managers Ltd, the discretionary investment manager to the Apax Europe VII Funds, under separate investment advisory contracts. This Transaction Statement relates to the tender offer by Parent and Purchaser to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share of the Company (the Shares), at a price of \$28.50 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated July 28, 2009 (as amended from time to time, the Offer to Purchase) and the related Letter of Transmittal (which together constitute the Offer), filed as exhibits to the Schedule TO of Parent and Purchaser and the other parties thereto, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on July 28, 2009, as amended from time to time, (the Schedule TO).

This Transaction Statement also relates to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of July 22, 2009 by and among Parent, Purchaser and Bankrate (the Merger Agreement). The Merger Agreement provides, among other things, that after consummation of the Offer, Purchaser will merge with and into the Company (the Merger), with Bankrate continuing as the surviving corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. At the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding Share (other than Shares owned by Parent, Purchaser, Bankrate and its subsidiaries, certain shares owned by certain of Bankrate s officers and directors, and Shares with respect to which dissenters' rights are properly demanded and perfected) will be converted into the right to receive \$28.50 in cash.

The Company has filed a Schedule 14D-9 Solicitation and Recommendation Statement (as amended from time to time, the Schedule 14D-9) under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), in response to the Schedule TO. A copy of the Schedule 14D-9 has been filed as Exhibit (a)(2) hereto, a copy of the Offer to Purchase has been filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(A) hereto and a copy of the Merger Agreement has been filed as Exhibit (d)(1) hereto.

The cross references below are being supplied pursuant to General Instruction G to Schedule 13E-3 and show the location in the Schedule TO and Schedule 14D-9 of the information required to be included in response to the items of Schedule 13E-3. The information contained in the Schedule TO and Schedule 14D-9, including all annexes and amendments thereto, is incorporated by reference herein, and the responses to each Item in this Transaction Statement are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in the Schedule TO and Schedule 14D-9 and the annexes thereto. All information contained in this Transaction Statement concerning the Company, Parent or Purchaser has been provided by such person and not by any other person.

Item 15. Additional Information.

Item 15(b) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On September 25, 2009, BEN Merger Sub, Inc. (BEN Merger Sub) and BEN Holdings, Inc. (BEN Holdings), corporations owned by funds advised by Apax Partners and formed for the purpose of acquiring Bankrate, Inc. (Bankrate) announced the successful completion of the acquisition of Bankrate. The transaction was consummated through a cash tender offer by BEN Merger Sub and BEN Holdings, followed by a short-form merger of BEN Merger Sub with and into Bankrate. As a result of this acquisition, Bankrate became a wholly-owned subsidiary of BEN Holdings.

At the time of the merger, all outstanding shares of Bankrate s common stock (the Shares) not validly tendered and accepted for payment in the tender offer were converted, subject to appraisal rights, and exceptions for Shares owned by BEN Holdings and BEN Merger Sub and Shares subject to Non-Tender and Support Agreements as set forth in the Merger Agreement, into the right to receive \$28.50 per share payable net to the holder in cash, without interest and less any applicable holding taxes (the same price paid in the tender offer). Remaining former shareholders of Bankrate will be mailed materials necessary to exchange their former Bankrate shares for such payment.

Following the merger, The Nasdaq Stock Market (NASDAQ) will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Notification of Removal from Listing and/or Registration under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) on Form 25 in order to effect the delisting of the common stock from NASDAQ and the deregistration of the common stock under Section 12(b) the Exchange Act. Upon the effectiveness of this Form 25 filing, Bankrate will file a Form 15 with the SEC to suspend its duty to file reports under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act and to deregister its common stock under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act.

The full text of the press release announcing the completion of the acquisition of Bankrate, is attached as Exhibit (a)(5)(8) and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 16. Exhibits
Regulation M-A Item 1016

Exhibit No.

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- (a)(1)(B) Letter of Transmittal.*
- (a)(1)(C) Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.*
- (a)(1)(D) Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.*
- (a)(1)(E) Letter to Clients for Use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks.*
- (a)(1)(F) Text of press release, dated July 28, 2009, concerning the Offer.*
- (a)(1)(G) Summary Advertisement as published on July 28, 2009.*
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- (a)(5)(5)

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Press release issued by BEN Holdings, Inc. and BEN Merger Sub, Inc., dated August 25, 2009, announcing the completion of the tender offer.*

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C. Morse Remainder Trust FBO Clay P. Morse; Peter C. Morse Remainder Trust FBO Kate M. Frantz; and Peter C. Morse Remainder Trust FBO Lisa D. Morse (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(8) of the Recommendation/Solicitation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed by Bankrate, Inc. on July 28, 2009).*

- (d)(4) Non-Tender and Support Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2009, by and among BEN Holdings, Inc., BEN Merger Sub, Inc. and Robert P. O Block (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(9) of the Recommendation/Solicitation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed by Bankrate, Inc. on July 28, 2009).*
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- (f) Statement of Appraisal Rights.*
- (g) None.

*Previously filed

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 25, 2009

BEN MERGER SUB, INC.

By: /s/ Christian Stahl
Name: Christian Stahl
Title: Director, Vice President, Secretary

BEN HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Christian Stahl
Name: Christian Stahl
Title: Director, Vice President, Secretary

BEN HOLDING S.ÀR.L.

By: /s/ Geoffrey Henry
Name: Geoffrey Henry
Title: Class A Director

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
Title: Class B Director

APAX US VII, L.P.

By: Apax US VII GP, L.P.
Its: General Partner

By: Apax US VII GP, Ltd.
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Christian Stahl
Name: Christian Stahl
Title: Vice President

APAX EUROPE VII-A, L.P.

By: Apax Europe VII GP L.P. Inc.
Its: General Partner

By: Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
Title: Director

APAX EUROPE VII-B, L.P.

By: Apax Europe VII GP L.P. Inc.
Its: General Partner

By: Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
Title: Director

APAX EUROPE VII-1, L.P.

By: Apax Europe VII GP L.P. Inc.
Its: General Partner

By: Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
Title: Director

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By: /s/ Christian Stahl
Name: Christian Stahl
Title: Vice President

APAX US VII GP, LTD.

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Name: Christian Stahl
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APAX EUROPE VII GP L.P. INC.

By: Apax Europe VII GP Co. Limited
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
Title: Director

APAX EUROPE VII GP CO. LTD

By: /s/ Andrew Guille
Name: Andrew Guille
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**APAX PARTNERS EUROPE MANAGERS
LTD**

By: /s/ Stephen Grabiner
Name: Stephen Grabiner
Title: Director

By: /s/ Andrew Sillitoe
Name: Andrew Sillitoe
Title: Authorized Signatory

BANKRATE, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas R. Evans

Thomas R. Evans
President
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Peter C. Morse
Peter C. Morse

/s/ Thomas R. Evans
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/s/ Robert P. O Block
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