UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AMERANT BANCORP INC.

cified in Its Charter)
65-0032379
(I.R.S. Employer Identification no.)
33134
(Zip Code)
Section 12(b) of the Act:
Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered
New York Stock Exchange
(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General (g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General
egulation A offering, check the following box □ ber to which this form relates: Not Applicable

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form 8-A is being filed by Amerant Bancorp Inc. (the "Company"), a Florida corporation, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in connection with the registration of its common stock, par value \$.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), and the transfer of the listing of Common Stock from the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC to the New York Stock Exchange, where it will continue to trade under the stock symbol "AMTB".

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

For a description of the Common Stock being registered hereunder, reference is made to the information set forth under the heading "Description of Registrant's Securities" in Exhibit 4.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on March 1, 2023, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

No exhibits are required to be filed because no other securities of the registrant are registered on the New York Stock Exchange and the securities hereby
are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: August 23, 2023 AMERANT BANCORP INC.

By: /s/ Julio V. Pena

Name: Julio V. Pena Title: Senior Vice President, Securities Counsel and Corporate Secretary