ITRON INC /WA/ Form 8-K March 08, 2013 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Washington, D.C. 20549	COMMISSION	
FORM 8-K	-	
CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of	the Securities Exchange Act of 1934	
March 8 Date of Report (Date of Earliest E		
ITRON, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Spec	cified in its Charter)	
Washington (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-22418 (Commission File No.)	91-1011792 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
2111 N. Molter Road, Liberty Lak (Address of Principal Executive O		
(509) 924-9900 (Registrant's Telephone Number, l	Including Area Code)	
(Former Name or Former Address	, if Changed Since Last Report)	
Check the appropriate box below ithe registrant under any of the following	<del>-</del>	multaneously satisfy the filing obligation of
[] Soliciting material pursuant to I ] Pre-commencement communic	_	

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 8, 2013, Itron's Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program of up to \$50 million of Itron's common stock during the next twelve months. The share repurchase program is effective immediately. Repurchases will be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions and in accordance with applicable securities laws. Depending on market conditions and other factors, these repurchases may be commenced or suspended from time to time without prior notice.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 8, 2013.

#### **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, hereunto duly authorized.

ITRON, INC.

By: /s/ STEVEN M. HELMBRECHT

Dated: March 8, 2013 Steven M. Helmbrecht

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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