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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 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): December 12, 2013

**Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT**  
(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction Of Incorporation)

**001-35896**  
(Commission File Number)

**46-0687599**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**53 Forest Avenue**  
**Old Greenwich, CT 06870**  
(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 698-1200**

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On December 12, 2013, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT (the "Company"), upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board, approved 2013 incentive compensation for Lisa Mumford, the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Pursuant to the 2013 incentive compensation package approved by the Board, Ms. Mumford will receive a discretionary cash bonus of \$132,000, with the payment of approximately 56% of this cash bonus deferred to the end of the 2014 fiscal year (the "Deferral Period"). During the Deferral Period, the deferred portion of the bonus will be subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances, including in the event Ms. Mumford resigns or her employment is terminated for cause.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**ELLINGTON RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE REIT**

Dated: December 13, 2013

By: /s/ Lisa Mumford

Lisa Mumford  
*Chief Financial Officer*