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

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report: **April 4, 2017**

**Willis Lease Finance Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-15369**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0070656**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215**  
**Novato, California 94998**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 408-4700**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Anthony R. Spaulding, the Senior Vice President & Technical Engine Services and Programs Chief Services Officer of Willis Lease Finance Corporation, announced his decision to resign from the Company, effective April 14, 2017. The Company will promptly begin a search to fill the roles held by Mr. Spaulding. Until such time as one or more successor is appointed, the Company will allocate the corresponding responsibilities amongst its existing human resources.

**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 duly authorized officer.

Dated: April 5, 2017

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Dean M. Poulakidas

Dean M. Poulakidas

Senior Vice President and General Counsel