

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

**SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 13e-4)**

**Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Options to Purchase Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

512815-10-1

*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (Class A Common Stock))**

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communications on behalf of filing person)*

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation(1)

Not applicable

Amount of Filing Fee(1)

Not applicable

- (1) No filing fee is required because this filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.
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- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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- * Represents the CUSIP number for the Class A common stock underlying the options. The options have not been assigned a CUSIP number.
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On May 29, 2009, Keith Istre, the Chief Financial Officer of Lamar Advertising Company (the "Company"), sent to all of the Company's regional managers an e-mail (the "e-mail"), which included an announcement that the Company will be commencing an option exchange program. The e-mail does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible options to exchange such options. The relevant portion of the e-mail is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The option exchange program has not commenced. If and when the option exchange program begins, the Company will provide option holders who are eligible to participate in the option exchange program with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the option exchange program should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they will contain important information about the program. The Company will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement upon commencement of the option exchange program. The Company's stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge at www.sec.gov. In addition, the Company's stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the tender offer documents, when available, by contacting Debra Watson by email at dwatson@lamar.com or telephone at (800) 235-2627 (ext. 339) or Tammy Duncan by e-mail at tduncan@lamar.com or telephone at (800) 235-2627 (ext. 254).

Item 12. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>
99.1	E-mail from Keith Istre to All Regional Managers Announcing Option Exchange Program, dated May 29, 2009	Filed herewith

[Relevant Portion of May 29, 2009 Email from Keith Istre]

“[E]mployees who currently have outstanding options (both vested and non-vested) will be receiving a package Thursday, June 4th outlining an offer to exchange existing options for new options at the closing stock price on July 2, 2009. This will be followed up with a conference call for all option holders on Tuesday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m. central. The purpose of the call is to explain the reason and mechanics behind the tender and answer questions. During the call, there will be a slide presentation via the web. A hard copy of this presentation will also be included in the option holder’s packet along with instructions regarding dial in, applicable codes, etc. will be included in the packet.”