
**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) November 11, 2010

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
**(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)**

1-6714
**(Commission
File Number)**

53-0182885
**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

**1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.**
(Address of principal executive offices)

20071
(Zip Code)

(202) 334-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 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

Item 5.02(b) Departures of Principal Officers and Other Departures of Directors

On November 11, 2010, Melinda French Gates stepped down from the Board of Directors of The Washington Post Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated November 12, 2010

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.

The Washington Post Company
(Registrant)

Date November 12, 2010

/s/ Veronica Dillon

(Signature)
Veronica Dillon
Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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Melinda French Gates Leaves the Board of The Washington Post Company

WASHINGTON—November 12, 2010—The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO) announced that Melinda French Gates has stepped down from the Company's Board of Directors. The Company's board now has 11 members.

Donald E. Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Company said: "With her knowledge of technology, education and media, Melinda Gates has been a uniquely wonderful board member, taking time out of one of the world's busiest and most impressive lives to help our Company. We are sad at losing her from the board, but will continue to watch the Gates Foundation's work with the highest admiration."

"It's been a true honor to serve on the board for the last six years," said Melinda French Gates. "I'm particularly grateful to Don Graham and my fellow board members for the opportunity to have worked with such gifted and committed individuals."

Gates continued: "The mission of The Washington Post Company remains as vital today as at any time in its history. Great newspapers like The Washington Post are critical to staying informed about developments in our increasingly connected world. I've also been impressed with The Washington Post Company's work with Kaplan, whose new approaches to education are allowing students opportunities that would otherwise not be possible."

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