
**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) May 16, 2008

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
(I.R.S. 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On May 16, 2008, The Washington Post Company announced that John B. Morse, Jr., vice president–finance, chief financial officer and principal accounting officer will retire at the end of 2008.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 The Washington Post Company Press Release Dated May 16, 2008.

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 May 16, 2008

/s/ Veronica Dillon

Veronica Dillon
Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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Exhibit 99.1 The Washington Post Company Press Release dated May 16, 2008.

**John B. Morse, Jr., Chief Financial Officer of
The Washington Post Company, to Retire at Year-End**

WASHINGTON – May 16, 2008 – John B. Morse, Jr., vice president–finance, chief financial officer and principal accounting officer of The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO), will retire at the end of 2008. Morse, 61, has served in this role since shortly after joining the Company in 1989. A successor will be named soon.

“Nineteen years is an extraordinary tenure for a CFO, but in Jay’s case I wish it were longer,” said Donald E. Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Company. “I’ve often said that Jay was old fashioned in his regard for standards before it became fashionable to be so. He is honest, principled and a man of excellent judgment. Jay will leave with the utmost respect of everyone associated with The Washington Post Company.”

When Morse joined the Company, its revenues were \$1.4 billion. In 2007, its revenues had grown to \$4.2 billion, with significantly expanded operations in the cable and education divisions in the U.S. and overseas.

Prior to joining The Washington Post Company, Morse was a partner at Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers). He received a BA from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Morse serves as a director of Host Hotels and Resorts and the Northern Virginia Technology Council. He was recently named president of the College Foundation at the University of Virginia.

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