WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ Form 8-K February 19, 2014

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) February 18, 2014

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-3932 (Commission **38-1490038** (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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2000 M-63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

49022-2692 (Zip Code)

(269) 923-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " 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 February 18, 2014, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Whirlpool Corporation appointed Geraldine T. Elliott a Director of Whirlpool Corporation and a member of the Board s Human Resources Committee and Audit Committee.

Ms. Elliott s compensation will be consistent with that of other nonemployee directors, consisting of an annual cash retainer in the amount of \$120,000, and annual equity compensation, to be paid in Whirlpool common stock, in the amount of \$120,000. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the nonemployee director compensation program, Ms. Elliott received a grant of 1,000 shares of Whirlpool common stock under the Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, upon her appointment to the Board.

The press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Elliott is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 18, 2014

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.

Date: February 19, 2014

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

By: /s/ KIRSTEN J. HEWITT Name: Kirsten J. Hewitt

Title: Senior Vice President Corporate

Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary