

US BANCORP \DE\
Form POSASR
March 16, 2006

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 16, 2006

Registration No. 333-132297

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Post-Effective Amendment No. 2
to
Form S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

U.S. Bancorp
USB Capital IX

*(Exact name of registrant
as specified in its charter)*

Delaware
Delaware

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

41-0255900

20-6524064

*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

800 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-4302
(651) 466-3000

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of registrant's principal
executive offices)*

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including area code, of agent for service)*

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered (1)	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal Income Trust Securities (ITS) of USB Capital IX	1,250,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,250,000,000	\$ 133,750(2)(3)
Stripped ITS of USB Capital IX	(6)	(4)(6)	(4)(6)	(6)
Capital ITS of USB Capital IX	(6)	(4)(6)	(4)(6)	(6)
Junior Subordinated Notes of U.S. Bancorp(3)(4)	\$1,251,000,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,251,000,000	\$ 133,857(5)
Debentures of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Stock Purchase Contracts of U.S. Bancorp	12,510	(4)	(4)	(4)
Preferred Stock of U.S. Bancorp	12,510	(4)	(4)	(4)
Guarantees of payment on trust preferred securities by U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)(7)	(6)(7)	(6)(7)
Senior Notes of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Subordinated Notes of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Common Stock of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Depository Shares of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Debt Warrants of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)(8)	(6)(8)	(6)(8)
Equity Warrants of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)(9)	(6)(9)	(6)(9)
Units of U.S. Bancorp	(6)	(6)(10)	(6)(10)	(6)(10)
Total:				\$ 267,607

(footnotes on next page)

- (1) The securities of each class may be offered and sold by the Registrants and/or may be offered and sold, from time to time, by one or more selling securityholders to be identified in the future. The selling securityholders may purchase the securities directly from the Registrant or from one or more underwriters, dealers or agents.
 - (2) Calculated and paid pursuant to Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act.
 - (3) The Junior Subordinated Notes will be purchased by USB Capital IX (the Trust), with the proceeds of the sale of the Normal ITS. Junior Subordinated Notes in the amount of \$1,250,000,000 will be purchased by the Trust with the proceeds of the sale of the Normal ITS. Junior Subordinated Notes in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be purchased by the Trust with the proceeds of the sale of its common securities to U.S. Bancorp (the Company).
 - (4) In connection with the ITS, no separate consideration will be received by either Registrant upon the issuance, if any, of the Stripped ITS or Capital ITS, for the issuance of the 12,510 of Stock Purchase Contracts or upon the purchase by the Trust of the 12,510 shares of Preferred Stock of the Company pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Contracts.
 - (5) The registration fee being paid in connection with the Junior Subordinated Notes represents the registration fee to be due in connection with the proceeds to be received upon the remarketing of the Junior Subordinated Notes, as described in the preliminary prospectus supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b).
 - (6) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee and will pay the registration fee subsequently in advance or on a pay-as-you-go basis.
 - (7) Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no additional registration fee is due for guarantees.
 - (8) Debt Warrants will represent rights to purchase debt securities registered hereby. Because the Debt Warrants will provide a right only to purchase the debt securities offered hereunder, no additional registration fee is required for the Debt Warrants.
 - (9) Equity Warrants will represent rights to purchase equity securities registered hereby. Because the Equity Warrants will provide a right only to purchase the equity securities offered hereunder, no additional registration fee is required for the Equity Warrants.
 - (10) Any registered securities may be sold separately or as Units with other registered securities. Units may consist of two or more securities in any combination, which may or may not be separable from one another. Each Unit will be issued under a unit agreement. Because Units will consist of securities registered hereunder, no additional registration fee is required for the Units.
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Explanatory Note

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement (File No. 333-132297) is being filed by U.S. Bancorp and USB Capital IX for the purpose of (i) updating the Calculation of Registration Fee table pursuant to Rule 456 under the Securities Act, (ii) updating Part II, Item 14 Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution, and (iii) filing an additional exhibit to the Registration Statement. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.*

The estimated expenses in connection with this Registration Statement are as follows:

SEC Registration fee	\$ 267,607
Accountant's fees and expenses	25,000
Attorneys' fees and expenses	350,000
Trustee and Depositary fees and expenses	50,000
Printing and engraving expenses	35,000
State qualification fees and expenses	11,000
Rating agencies' fees	100,000
Miscellaneous	50,000
TOTAL	\$ 888,607

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Item 16. Exhibits.

The exhibits filed as a part of this Registration Statement are as follows:

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*** Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement (File No. 333-132297) to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, on March 16, 2006.

U.S. Bancorp

By: /s/ Jerry A. Grundhofer

Jerry A. Grundhofer
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement (File No. 333-132297) has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Jerry A. Grundhofer Jerry A. Grundhofer	Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	March 16, 2006
/s/ David M. Moffett David M. Moffett	Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	March 16, 2006
/s/ Terrance R. Dolan Terrance R. Dolan	Executive Vice President and Controller (principal accounting officer)	March 16, 2006
/s/ Victoria Buyniski Gluckman* Victoria Buyniski Gluckman	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Arthur D. Collins, Jr.* Arthur D. Collins, Jr.	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Peter H. Coors* Peter H. Coors	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Joel W. Johnson* Joel W. Johnson	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Jerry W. Levin* Jerry W. Levin	Director	March 16, 2006

Jerry W. Levin

/s/ David B. O Maley*

Director

March 16, 2006

David B. O Maley

/s/ O dell M. Owens, M.D., M.P.H.*

Director

March 16, 2006

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Richard G. Reiten*	Director	March 16, 2006
Richard G. Reiten		
/s/ Craig D. Schnuck*	Director	March 16, 2006
Craig D. Schnuck		
/s/ Warren R. Staley*	Director	March 16, 2006
Warren R. Staley		
/s/ Patrick T. Stokes*	Director	March 16, 2006
Patrick T. Stokes		

*By /s/ Terrance R. Dolan Attorney-in-fact for the persons
indicated above with an *
Terrance R. Dolan
Attorney-in-fact

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USB CAPITAL IX

By: U.S. Bancorp, as Depositor

By: /s/ Lee R. Mitau

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