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March 03, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 3, 2006  
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Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

ITRON, INC.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington	000-22418	91-1011792
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2818 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane, WA 99216  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(509) 924-9900  
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

None  
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(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:

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 3, 2006, Itron made a \$10 million optional prepayment on a \$185 million seven-year senior secured term loan (term loan), completing the payoff of this term loan. The term loan originated July 1, 2004 to finance the acquisition of the Electricity Metering business. The Company continues to maintain a \$55 million five-year senior secured revolving credit line (revolver), with the ability to increase the revolver to \$75 million at a future date. Currently, there are no borrowings outstanding under the revolver.

The information presented in this Current Report on Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements and certain assumptions upon which such forward-looking statements are in part based. Numerous important factors, including those factors identified in Itron, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K and other of the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the fact that the assumptions set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K could prove incorrect, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements.

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.

ITRON, INC.

Dated: March 3, 2006

By: /s/ STEVEN M. HELMBRECHT  
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Steven M. Helmbrecht  
Sr. Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer