

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 15, 2005**

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**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-3932**  
(Commission File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49022-2692**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (269) 923-5000**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Director; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On February 15, 2005, Mr. James M. Kilts informed the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the registrant's Board of Directors that he has decided not to stand for re-election to the registrant's Board of Directors. Mr. Kilts currently serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and on the Human Resources Committee of the registrant's Board of Directors. His current term will expire April 19, 2005.

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.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

Date: February 16, 2005

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary