WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ Form 425 December 13, 2005

# **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) December 12, 2005

# WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-3932 (Commission File Number) 38-1490038 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**Identification No.)** 

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

49022-2692 (Zip Code)

(269) 923-5000

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 12, 2005, Whirlpool Corporation issued a press release. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Copy of press release dated December 12, 2005.

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#### **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: December 13, 2005 By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

Name: Robert T. Kenagy Title: Corporate Secretary

### **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 12, 2005