

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC
Form 8-K
December 24, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 24, 2008

Washington Federal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-25454
(Commission File Number)

91-1661606
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington
(Address of principal executive offices)

98101
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930

Not Applicable

(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))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 22, 2008, Washington Federal announced by press release the decrease of its dividend from \$.21 per quarter to \$.05 per quarter. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
99	Press Release dated Monday, December 22, 2008

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 24, 2008

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL
Brent J. Beardall

Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer