

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 29, 2002

**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) January 29, 2002

**FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366

(Commission File Number)

05-0341324

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-434-2200

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

Item 5. Other Events.

Pursuant to Form 8-K, General Instruction F, the Company hereby incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Other Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description

Exhibit 99

Press Release  
Dated January 29, 2002

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed in its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Ernest L. Puschaver

Name: Ernest L. Puschaver

Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: January 29, 2002