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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) NOVEMBER 21, 2005

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE 1-3932 38-1490038 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

2000 M63 NORTH, BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN 49022-2692 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On November 21, 2005, Whirlpool Corporation ("Whirlpool") and Maytag Corporation ("Maytag," together with Whirlpool, the "Companies") issued a joint press release announcing that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective Whirlpool's registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-128686) covering the share portion of the consideration to be issued to Maytag's stockholders upon completion of the proposed merger (the "Registration Statement"). The Companies also announced that Maytag would commence mailing the definitive proxy statement/prospectus contained in the Registration Statement to its stockholders on November 22, 2005.

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# ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Press release dated November 21, 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: November 22, 2005 By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

Name: Robert T. Kenagy Title: Corporate Secretary

### EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated November 21, 2005.