

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC

Form 8-K

December 22, 2005

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 22, 2005 (December 15, 2005)

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-13913
(Commission
File Number)

51-0261715
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6300 Lamar Avenue

Overland Park, Kansas 66202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 236-2000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 8.01: OTHER EVENTS

Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. is furnishing this Current Report on Form 8-K in order to furnish to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a press release issued by the Company on December 15, 2005. A copy of the press release being furnished is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 15, 2005 titled *Waddell Settles Arbitration Case* (furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).

SIGNATURES

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

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: December 22, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel C. Schulte
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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