

RYDER SYSTEM INC
Form 8-K
December 21, 2005

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 15, 2005

Ryder System, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

1-4364

59-0739250

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

11690 NW 105th Street, Miami, Florida

33178

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(305) 500-3726

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))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On December 15, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, elected L. Patrick Hassey, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, to serve as a director of the Company for a term of office expiring at the Company's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Hassey was also appointed to the Board's Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Hassey and other persons with respect to his appointment as a director. The Board has determined that Mr. Hassey qualifies as independent under the independence standards set forth in the NYSE corporate governance listing standards.

The Company's press release announcing Mr. Hassey's election to the Board is filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release dated December 20, 2005 announcing the election of L. Patrick Hassey as a director of Ryder System, Inc.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Ryder System, Inc.

December 20, 2005

By: *Robert D. Fatovic*

*Name: Robert D. Fatovic
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary*

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