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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 13, 2004

Ameritrade Holding Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-49992 82-0543156
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

4211 South 102nd Street

Omaha, Nebraska

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (402) 331-7856

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

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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On December 13, 2004, the Registrant entered into an amendment to its revolving credit agreement to increase the credit facility to \$105 million from the previous \$75 million and extend the term through December 12, 2005 on substantially similar terms. The revolving credit agreement, as amended, is with a group of four banks led by First National Bank of Omaha.

The revolving credit agreement, as amended, is secured primarily by the Registrant s stock in its subsidiaries and personal property. The interest rate on borrowings is equal to one month LIBOR (determined monthly) plus a spread (determined quarterly) of 1.75 percent or 2.00 percent based on a specified financial ratio. The spread would currently be 1.75 percent. The Registrant also pays a commitment fee of 0.25 percent of the unused credit facility through the maturity date. The revolving credit agreement, as amended, contains certain covenants and restrictions, including maintenance of a minimum level of net worth, requiring prior written consent of the revolving lenders for certain business combinations and investments, and prohibiting the payment of cash dividends to stockholders.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 15, 2004 AMERITRADE HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ John R. MacDonald
John R. MacDonald
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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