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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): October 4, 2004

SUNGARD (R) DATA SYSTEMS INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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DELAWARE 1-12989 51-0207071
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

680 EAST SWEDESFORD ROAD, WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19087 (Zip Code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: 484-582-2000

Not Applicable (Former Name and 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:

- |\_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01. Other Events.

On October 4, 2004, SunGard Data Systems Inc. issued a press release announcing that its board of directors has unanimously approved a plan to spin off its availability services business to stockholders through a tax-free distribution of shares. The spin-off is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2005, subject to customary conditions including the receipt of a favorable ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an acceptable tax opinion.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

- (c) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press Release, dated October 4, 2004, issued by SunGard Data Systems Inc.

#### 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.

SUNGARD DATA SYSTEMS INC.

Date: October 4, 2004 By: /s/ Michael J. Ruane

Michael J. Ruane

Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release, dated October 4, 2004, issued by SunGard Data Systems Inc.