
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 22, 2011

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-6714
(Commission
File Number)

53-0182885
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1150 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.
(Address of principal executive offices)

20071
(Zip Code)

(202) 334-6000
(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))
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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On December 22, 2011, the executive committee of the board of directors of The Washington Post Company (the “Company”), pursuant to a delegation of authority from the board of directors, approved a change in the Company’s fiscal year from a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 to a quarterly month end, with the new fiscal year ending on December 31 of each year. The Company’s 2011 fiscal year will end on December 31, 2011. This change is not deemed a change in fiscal year for purposes of reporting subject to Rule 13a-10 or Rule 15d-10 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as the new fiscal year commences within seven days of the prior fiscal year end and the new fiscal year commences with the end of the prior fiscal year. As a result, the Company will not be filing a transition report and will include the one-day transition period of January 1, 2012 with the first quarter of 2012.

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.

The Washington Post Company
(Registrant)

Date December 22, 2011

/s/ Hal S. Jones

Hal S. Jones
Senior Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer