

SERVICEMASTER CO  
Form 8-K  
July 17, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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): July 12, 2007**

**THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-14762**

(Commission File Number)

**36-3858106**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**860 Ridge Lake Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee 38120**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (901) 597-1400**

**Not Applicable**

(Former 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):**

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 5.04. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On May 25, 2007, The ServiceMaster Company ( ServiceMaster ) sent a notice to all participants in the ServiceMaster Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan (the Plan ) informing them of a blackout period to be imposed on all transactions involving the ServiceMaster Stock Fund under the Plan in connection with the merger (the Merger ) of ServiceMaster with CDRSVM Topco, Inc., a corporation formed by a private investment fund managed by Clayton Dubilier & Rice, Inc., pursuant to which CDRSVM Topco, Inc. will acquire all the outstanding common stock of ServiceMaster for cash.

The blackout period is necessary for the Plan trustees to clear all pending trades, determine all final share balances and reinvest the cash proceeds. The notice stated that the blackout period would begin three business days immediately preceding the expected completion of the Merger and end two business days after the Plan has received cash for the shares exchanged in the Merger. At the time of that notice, it was anticipated that the blackout period would begin during the week of June 24, 2007 and end during the week of July 1, 2007.

The blackout period began on June 24, 2007, as planned. However, due to an unforeseen change in the closing date of the Merger, it has become necessary to extend the blackout period to end during the week of July 22, 2007.

During the blackout period and for a period of two years after the ending date of the blackout period, holders of ServiceMaster common stock and other interested parties may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the blackout period by sending a written request to The ServiceMaster Company, Corporate Secretary, 860 Ridge Lake Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, or by calling (901) 597-1400.

On July 12, 2007, ServiceMaster received notice of the change in the blackout period pursuant to Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

On July 12, 2007, ServiceMaster sent a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them of the change in the blackout period.

A copy of the notice which was provided to ServiceMaster's directors and executive officers in accordance with Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 104 of Regulation BTR is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference into this Item 5.04.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit  |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Notice of Change in Blackout Period to Directors and Executive Officers of The ServiceMaster Company, dated July 12, 2007 |

**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.

Date: July 17, 2007

THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY

By: /s/ Jim L. Kaput  
Jim L. Kaput  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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