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Form 8-K April 10, 2006

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

April 4, 2006 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC

TEA COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-4141 13-1890974 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Two Paragon Drive
Montvale, New Jersey 07645
(Address of principal executive offices)

(201) 573-9700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Registrant's press release dated April 4, 2006, reporting the declaration of a special dividend on the Registrant's common stock, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.0 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Effective April 4, 2006, the Company exercised its right under its existing Credit Agreement dated November 15, 2005 to increase by \$100 million the aggregate commitments thereunder resulting in total commitments of \$250 million.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.0 Press release of Registrant dated April 4, 2006.

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.

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC. By:

/s/Allan Richards

-----Allan Richards

Name: Title:

Senior Vice President &

Secretary

Dated: April 10, 2006

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.0	Press Release of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. dated April 4, 2006