

WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC
Form 8-K
October 30, 2007

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 24, 2007

WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-14667
(Commission File Number)

91-1653725
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1301 SECOND AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101**
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 461-2000

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 5 – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

On October 24, 2007, Washington Mutual, Inc. (“WMI”) filed Articles of Amendment with the Washington Secretary of State for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation to establish the preferences, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of its Series N Perpetual Non-cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Preferred Stock, no par value and with a liquidation preference of \$1,000,000 per share (the “WMI Series N Preferred Stock”). The Articles of Amendment became effective upon the filing with the Washington Secretary of State. A copy of the Articles of Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 8 – OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events

Preferred Securities Offering

On October 25, 2007, Washington Mutual Preferred Funding Trust IV, a Delaware statutory trust ("WaMu Delaware IV"), closed the sale of \$1,000,000,000 of its Fixed-to-Floating Rate Perpetual Non-cumulative Trust Securities, liquidation preference \$100,000 per security (the "Trust Securities"). WaMu Delaware IV offered and sold the Trust Securities in reliance on Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and only to persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A and "qualified purchasers" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Also on October 25, 2007, WaMu Delaware IV used the proceeds of its offering to purchase from Washington Mutual Bank, a subsidiary of WMI ("WMB"), a corresponding amount of the Fixed-to-Floating Rate Perpetual Non-cumulative Preferred Securities, Series 2007-B, liquidation preference \$1,000 per security (the "Series 2007-B WaMu LLC Preferred Securities") previously conveyed by Washington Mutual Preferred Funding LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WaMu LLC"), to WMB in exchange for mortgages.

University Street, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of WMB, owns 100% of WaMu LLC's common, voting securities. As a result, WaMu LLC is an indirect subsidiary of WMB and will be consolidated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable in the United States. Management of WMI has concluded that its consolidated ownership of WaMu LLC should be characterized as a minority interest on WMI's and WMB's respective balance sheets, and for purposes of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R, that WaMu Delaware IV should not be characterized as a consolidated entity on WMI's or WMB's respective balance sheets.

Upon receipt, the WMI group intends to use the proceeds it receives in connection with the offering for general corporate purposes.

WMB has received confirmation from the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS") that the Series 2007-B WaMu LLC Preferred Securities are eligible for treatment as core capital of WMB under the OTS' applicable regulatory capital regulations and intends to treat the Series 2007-B WaMu LLC Preferred Securities accordingly.

If the OTS so directs following the occurrence of an Exchange Event (defined below), each Trust Security will be automatically exchanged for a like amount of fixed-to-floating rate depository shares representing a 1/1000th of a share of WMI Series N Preferred Stock. "Exchange Event" means (a) WMB becoming "undercapitalized" under the OTS' "prompt corrective action" regulations, (b) WMB being placed into conservatorship or receivership or (c) the OTS, in its sole discretion, directing such exchange in anticipation of WMB becoming "undercapitalized" in the near term or taking supervisory action that limits the payment of dividends, as applicable, by WMB, and in connection therewith, directs such exchange.

In connection with the closing of the transactions described above, on October 25, 2007, WMI entered into a Replacement Capital Covenant (the "Covenant") whereby WMI agreed for the benefit of certain debt holders that it would not repurchase or redeem the Series 2007-B WaMu LLC Preferred Securities, the Trust Securities or the WMI Preferred Stock (including any depository shares representing WMI Preferred Stock) unless such repurchase or redemption is made from proceeds of certain qualifying securities issuances and on other terms and conditions described in the Covenant. A copy of the Covenant is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

3.1 Articles of Amendment of Washington Mutual, Inc. with respect to the Series N Preferred Stock filed with the Washington Secretary of State on October 24, 2007.

99.1 Replacement Capital Covenant dated October 25, 2007, by Washington Mutual, Inc. in favor of specified debtholders.

