

UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/
Form 8-K
November 10, 2004

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: November 9, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-652
(Commission File Number)

54-0414210
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1501 North Hamilton Street

Richmond, Virginia

23230

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(804) 359-9311

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 9, 2004, Standard and Poor's Ratings Services placed the Registrant's A- long-term corporate credit and other ratings on CreditWatch with negative implications. At the same time, Standard and Poor's Rating Services affirmed the Registrant's A-2 short-term corporate and commercial paper ratings.

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.

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 9, 2004

By: /s/ George C. Freeman, III

George C. Freeman, III
General Counsel and Secretary