

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 03, 2005

**UNITED STATES**  
**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) February 3, 2005

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-3932  
(Commission  
File Number)

38-1490038  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

49022-2692

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (269) 923-5000

(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))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 3, 2005, the registrant announced its fourth-quarter 2004 net earnings of \$97 million, or \$1.44 per diluted share, compared to \$124 million, or \$1.76 per diluted share, in the same period last year.

For 2004, the registrant reported net earnings of \$406 million, or \$5.90 per diluted share, compared to prior-year net earnings of \$414 million, or \$5.91 per diluted share. Full-year cash flow was \$241 million, after shareholder dividends.

For 2005, the registrant currently expects earnings per share to be between \$5.90-\$6.10 per diluted share and free cash flow to be in the \$250-\$300 million range. The text of the press release is attached as an Exhibit to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Attached is a press release dated February 3, 2005 being furnished as part of this report.

**Exhibit Index**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press release dated February 3, 2005

**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.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

Date: February 3, 2005

By: /s/ ROBERT T. KENAGY  
Name: Robert T. Kenagy

Title: Corporate Secretary