

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2009

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 23, 2009

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Nevada  | 000-21430                   | 88-0296885                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard                 |            |
| Las Vegas, Nevada                        | 89109      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 794-9237

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective February 23, 2009, Jeffrey A. Silver voluntarily resigned from the Board of Directors of Riviera Holdings Corporation (the "Company"). Mr. Silver resigned from the Company's Board of Directors for personal reasons and not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices.

A copy of Mr. Silver's resignation letter, dated February 23, 2009, is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Exhibits

17.1 Letter of Resignation by Jeffrey A. Silver, dated February 23, 2009.

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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.

Date: February 27, 2009

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Phillip B. Simons  
Phillip B. Simons  
Treasurer and Chief Financial  
Officer