

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES  
Form 8-K  
September 04, 2008

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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):

September 3, 2008

Piper Jaffray Companies

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-31720

30-0168701

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

55402

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(612) 303-6000

Not Applicable

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:

- 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 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

Pursuant to Regulation BTR (Blackout Trading Restriction), Piper Jaffray Companies (the "Company") notified its directors and executive officers today of a blackout period during which employees of the Company will not be able to make any changes to their investments in the Piper Jaffray Companies Retirement Plan (the "Plan") or obtain loans or distributions from the Plan. The notice also informed the directors and executive officers that they are generally prohibited from trading during the blackout period any Company equity securities acquired in connection with service as a director or executive officer of the Company. This blackout period is due to a change in the third party administrator for the Plan from Milliman to Wells Fargo Retirement Plan Solutions, effective October 1, 2008.

The blackout period will begin during the week of September 21, 2008 and is expected to end during the week of October 12, 2008. During the blackout period and for a period of two years after the ending date of the blackout period, interested parties, including shareholders, may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the blackout period by contacting James L. Chosy, General Counsel and Secretary, Piper Jaffray Companies, 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800, Mail Stop J09N05, Minneapolis, MN 55402. The person designated by the Company to respond to inquiries about the blackout period is Anne Johnson, Head of Human Resources, and her phone number is (612) 303-8092 and her address is 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800, Mail Stop J09N04, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

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**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.

Piper Jaffray Companies

*September 3, 2008*

By: *James L. Chosy*

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*Name: James L. Chosy*

*Title: General Counsel and Secretary*