

RYDER SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
July 19, 2005

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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):

July 14, 2005

Ryder System, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

1-4364

59-0739250

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

11690 NW 105th Street, Miami, Florida

33178

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(305) 500-3726

Not Applicable

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))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On July 14, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, elected E. Follin Smith, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Constellation Energy Group, Inc., to serve as a director of the Company for a term of office expiring at the Company's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Ms. Smith was also appointed to the Board's Audit Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

The Board has determined that Ms. Smith is an independent director as required by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) listing standards and the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Board has also determined that Ms. Smith is financially literate, as required by NYSE rules, and qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" pursuant to applicable rules of the SEC.

The Company's press release announcing Ms. Smith's election to the Board is filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release dated July 14, 2005 announcing the election of E. Follin Smith as a director of Ryder System, Inc.

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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.

Ryder System, Inc.

*July 19, 2005*

*By: Robert D. Fatovic*

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*Name: Robert D. Fatovic  
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated July 14, 2005 announcing the election of E. Follin Smith as a director of Ryder System, Inc.