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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)

April 17, 2006

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY ______ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 1-434 Ohio 31-0411980 (State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Identification incorporation) Number) One Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (513) 983-1100 [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

ITEM 5.02(b) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTOR

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Effective today, April 17, 2006, R. Kerry Clark (53), vice chair of the Board-P&G Family Health, will retire after 32 years of service. This 8-K is being filed pursuant to Item 5.02(b), "Departure of Directors or Principal Officers".

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

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.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

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/S/ STEVEN W. JEMISON

Steven W. Jemison, Secretary and Associate General Counsel

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