RITE AID CORP Form 8-K October 19, 2006

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): October 19, 2006

Rite Aid Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-5742 (Commission File Number) 23-1614034 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(717) 761-2633

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 19, 2006, Rite Aid Corporation issued a press release announcing that Rite Aid and The Jean Coutu Group (PJC) Inc. had each received a request for additional information from the Federal Trade Commission in connection with Rite Aid s pending acquisition of The Jean Coutu Group (PJC) USA, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99 Press Release, dated October 19, 2006.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, a preliminary proxy statement of Rite Aid and other materials have been filed with the SEC and are publicly available. The definitive proxy statement will be mailed to the stockholders of Rite Aid. STOCKHOLDERS OF RITE AID ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Such proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents may also be obtained, free of charge, on the Securities and Exchange Commission s website (http://www.sec.gov) or by contacting our Secretary, Rite Aid Corporation, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011.

Participants in the Solicitation

Rite Aid and certain persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies relating to the proposed transaction. The participants in such solicitation may include Rite Aid s executive officers and directors. Further information regarding persons who may be deemed participants will be available in Rite Aid s proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the transaction.

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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 hereto duly authorized.

RITE AID CORPORATION

Date: October 19, 2006

By: Name: Title: /s/ Robert B. Sari Robert B. Sari Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBITS

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