

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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) August 18, 2011**

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-3932**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**2000 M-63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**  
**(269) 923-5000**

**49022-2692**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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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**

On August 18, 2011, the registrant issued a press release announcing that Roy W. Templin, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and the company's principal financial officer, will retire from the company in April 2012 after eight years with the company. The press release also indicated that Larry M. Venturelli would succeed Mr. Templin in those roles at that time. Mr. Venturelli joined Whirlpool in 2002, and he will retain his current position of Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller, and the company's principal accounting officer, until he succeeds Mr. Templin in April 2012.

A copy of the press release announcing these management changes is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release dated August 18, 2011

*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.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

Date: August 19, 2011

By: /s/ ROBERT J. LAFOREST  
Name: Robert J. LaForest  
Title: Corporate Secretary