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August 10, 2005

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 10, 2005

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 M63 NORTH, BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	49022-2692 (Zip Code)
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(269) 923-5000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On August 10, 2005, Whirlpool Corporation ("Whirlpool") submitted a revised binding offer to acquire Maytag Corporation ("Maytag") for \$21 per Maytag share, together with a new Agreement and Plan of Merger among Whirlpool, Whirlpool Acquisition Co. ("Merger Sub") and Maytag (the "Merger Agreement"). The execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement by Whirlpool and Merger Sub constitutes a binding irrevocable offer by Whirlpool and Merger Sub to Maytag to enter into the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement on the terms specified therein (the "Whirlpool Offer") and replaces the offer made by Whirlpool on August 8, 2005. Unless previously accepted by Maytag, the Whirlpool Offer will expire at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on August 21, 2005.

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Of the total consideration, 50% would be paid in cash and the balance in shares of Whirlpool common stock. The number of shares issuable by Whirlpool upon completion of the acquisition is subject to a floating exchange ratio with a collar range equal to plus or minus 10% of the volume weighted average price of Whirlpool's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the day the Whirlpool Offer is first declared a "Superior Company Proposal" by the Maytag Board of Directors pursuant to the Merger Agreement, dated May 19, 2005 among Triton Acquisition Holding, Triton Acquisition Co. and Maytag (the "Triton Agreement"). Pursuant to the Whirlpool Offer (1) if Maytag executes the Merger Agreement submitted as part of the Whirlpool Offer, Whirlpool will pay to Triton, on Maytag's behalf, the \$40 million fee payable upon termination of the Triton Agreement, (2) Whirlpool will pay to Maytag a "reverse break-up fee" of \$120 million if the transaction cannot be closed due to an inability to obtain antitrust regulatory approval and (3) Whirlpool has agreed to provide up to \$15 million for retention of Maytag employees, unless the Merger Agreement is terminated under certain circumstances. The Merger Agreement provides certain termination rights for both Maytag and Whirlpool and provides that, under certain circumstances, Maytag may be obligated to pay Whirlpool a termination fee of \$60 million and reimburse the payment of the Triton termination fee described above. The Whirlpool Offer is subject to customary conditions including receipt of regulatory approval.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 hereto and incorporated into this report by reference. In addition, a copy of a press release announcing the Whirlpool Offer is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and the text of the proposal letter delivered to the CEO and chairman of the Special Committee of Maytag is attached as Exhibit 99.2, and each are incorporated into this report by reference.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This material is not a substitute for the prospectus/proxy statement Whirlpool and Maytag would file with the Securities and Exchange Commission if a definitive agreement with Maytag is reached. Investors are urged to read any such prospectus/proxy statement, when available, which would contain important information. The prospectus/proxy statement would be, and other documents filed by Whirlpool and Maytag with the Securities and Exchange Commission are, available free of charge at the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or from Whirlpool by directing a request to Whirlpool Corporation, 2000 North M-63, Mail Drop 2800, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692, Attention: Larry Venturelli, Investor Relations.

Whirlpool is not currently engaged in a solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Maytag in connection with Whirlpool's proposed acquisition of Maytag. If a proxy solicitation commences, Whirlpool, Maytag and their respective directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in such solicitation. Information about Whirlpool's directors and executive officers is available in Whirlpool's proxy statement, dated March 18, 2005, for its 2005 annual meeting of stockholders. Additional information about

the interests of potential participants will be included in the prospectus/proxy statement Whirlpool and Maytag would file if a definitive agreement with Maytag is reached.

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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 10, 2005

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

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Name: Robert T. Kenagy

Title: Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 10, 2005, among Whirlpool Corporation, Whirlpool Acquisition, Co. and Maytag Corporation.
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 10, 2005.
- 99.2 Letter from Whirlpool to Maytag dated August 10, 2005.

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 (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)  
 (Instr. 3 and 4)6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)  
 (Instr. 4)7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
 (Instr. 4)CodeVAmount(A) or (D)Price Common Stock, \$1.00 par value09/06/2016 M 5,635 A \$ 74.81 36,412.416 D  
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*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (In			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 74.81	09/06/2016	M		5,635		(2)	03/01/2018	Common Stock	5,635

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kuryea Kimberly A C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042			Vice President and Controller	

## Signatures

L. Neal Wheeler, by Power of Attorney 09/08/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Sale prices ranged from \$154.53 to \$154.56. Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the Commission staff, General Dynamics, or a General Dynamics shareholder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sales price.
- (2) Fifty percent became exercisable on 03/02/2012 and the remaining fifty percent became exercisable on 03/02/2013.

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