

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
October 05, 2007

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): October 1, 2007

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0000-26251
(Commission File Number)

04-2837575
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

310 Littleton Road
Westford, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

(978) 614-4000

01886
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Amendment to Merger Agreement

On October 1, 2007, NetScout Systems, Inc. (the Company), Bradley Merger Sub, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the Merger Sub), Network General Central Corporation (Network General), Network General Corporation, a subsidiary of Network General, and Silver Lake Partners, L.P. and TPG Starburst IV, LLC, solely in their capacities as representatives of Network General's stockholders, entered into an amendment (the Amendment) to the previously disclosed Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), dated September 19, 2007, by and among the same parties. Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, as amended by the Amendment, upon the closing of the transactions contemplated in the Merger Agreement (the Closing), the Merger Sub will be merged with and into Network General (the Merger), with Network General continuing as the surviving corporation and as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company after consummation of the Merger.

The Amendment addresses timing issues related to the Closing, clarifies some of the defined terms used in calculating the consideration to be paid by the Company in connection with the Merger and makes certain other technical changes to the Merger Agreement. The Amendment does not modify the actual amount of merger consideration intended to be paid by the Company or impose any additional obligation on any party to the Merger Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Amendment and the Merger Agreement, as amended by the Amendment, is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1, and to the Merger Agreement, which was previously filed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 25, 2007, each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Company hereby files the following exhibit:

- 2.1 Amendment No. 1, dated as of October 1, 2007, to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated September 19, 2007, by and among NetScout Systems, Inc., Bradley Merger Sub, LLC, Network General Central Corporation, Network General Corporation, and Silver Lake Partners, L.P. and TPG Starburst IV, LLC, solely in their capacities as representatives of Network General's stockholders.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ David P. Sommers
David P. Sommers
Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Vice President, General Operations

Date: October 5, 2007

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