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**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) May 12, 2005

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>1-6714</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>53-0182885</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<u>1150 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.</u> (Address of principal executive offices)	<u>20071</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (202) 334-6000

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))

**Section 1 – Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

Item 1.01(a) On May 12, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a series of amendments to The Washington Post Company Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan was amended to give participants, who had elected to defer compensation prior to the enactment of new restrictions on deferred compensation arrangements under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, the ability to make new deferral elections in cases of deferrals that became subject to such new restrictions. The ability to make new elections in these situations has been authorized by the Internal Revenue Service in its transition rules contained in IRS Notice 2005-1.

## Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	The Washington Post Company Deferred Compensation Plan Amended and Restated Effective May 12, 2005

### 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 Washington Post Company  
(Registrant)

Date May 12, 2005

/s/John B. Morse, Jr.

(Signature)

John B. Morse, Jr.

Vice President, Finance

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