HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC Form 8-K December 28, 2004

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):

December 23, 2004

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J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION Commission File Number

(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

615 J.B. Hunt Corporate Drive Lowell, Arkansas 72745 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(ZIP CODE)

(479) 820-0000 (Registrant s telephone number)

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On December 23, 2004, the registrant issued a news release announcing that both Mr. J.B. Hunt, Senior Chairman and Director, and Mr. Gene George, Director, will retire effective December 31, 2004. A copy of the news release is filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits. 99.1 Press Release dated December 23, 2004.

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, in the city of Lowell, Arkansas, on the 23rd day of December 2004.

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.

BY: /s/ Kirk Thompson

Kirk Thompson

President and Chief Executive Officer

BY: /s/ Jerry W. Walton

Jerry W. Walton

Executive Vice President, Finance and

Administration. Chief Financial Officer

BY: /s/ Donald G. Cope

Donald G. Cope

Senior Vice President, Controller, Chief Accounting Officer

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