

FIRST DATA CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
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): 03/16/2005**

**First Data Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Commission File Number: 001-11073**

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

**47-0731996**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**6200 South Quebec Street**  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**(303) 967-8000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Items to be Included in this Report

### Item 8.01. Other Events

Western Union Financial Services, Inc., a subsidiary of First Data (NYSE: FDC), was advised on March 16, 2004, by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) that the DOJ had closed its civil investigation of Western Union's contracting practices in the money transfer service industry because the facts did not support a claim that Western Union's contracting practices have had an anticompetitive effect on markets for money transfer or emergency bill payment services in the United States. Thirteen states also participated in the investigation. To date ten of the thirteen states have closed their investigations. Western Union expects to hear from the remaining three states concerning the status of their investigations in the near future.

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### Signature(s)

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.

First Data Corporation

Date: March 17, 2005.

By: /s/ Stanley J. Andersen

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Stanley J. Andersen  
Assistant Secretary