MTS SYSTEMS CORP Form 8-K December 17, 2008

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) December 13, 2008

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **0-2382** (Commission File Number)

14000 Technology Drive Eden Prairie, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices) **41-0908057** (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

55344 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (952) 937-4000

N/A

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 13, 2008, upon recommendation by the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors of MTS Systems Corporation (the "Company") approved the performance goals for participants under the Company's Executive Variable Compensation (EVC) Plan for the fiscal year 2009 performance period.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description
99.1 2009 Performance Goals under the EVC Plan.
99.2 Form of Award Agreement for EVC Plan.

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.

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: December 17, 2008

By: /s/ SUSAN E. KNIGHT Susan E. Knight Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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