WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC Form 8-A12B December 17, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549 FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Washington Mutual, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

(State of incorporation or organization)

91-1653725

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1301 Second Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered:

Title of each class to be so registered:

New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

7.75% Series R Non-Cumulative Perpetual

Convertible Preferred Stock

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. b

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-130929

Securities to be Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered.

The description of the 7.75% Series R Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock, no par value and liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (the Series R Preferred Stock) of Washington Mutual, Inc., a Washington corporation (the Registrant), to be registered hereunder, is contained in the sections captioned (i) Description of Capital Stock Preferred Stock in the Registrant s Prospectus, dated January 9, 2006, contained in the Registrant s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-130929) and (ii) Description of Series R Preferred Stock in the Registrant s Prospectus Supplement dated December 11, 2007, to the Registrant s Prospectus dated January 9, 2006, and each of those sections is incorporated herein by reference.

If any additional securities registered hereby are issued, a prospectus supplement relating to such securities will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and will be incorporated herein by reference. Item 2. Exhibits.

- Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Washington Mutual, Inc. incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 9, 2007.
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, creating a class of Preferred Stock, Series N incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed October 30, 2007.
- Restated Bylaws of Washington Mutual, Inc. incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 1, 2007.
- 4.1 Articles of Amendment of the Registrant filed on December 17, 2007 with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington designating the preferences, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of the Series R Preferred Stock.
- Form of certificate representing the Series R Preferred Stock (included in Exhibit 4.1 hereto).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Washington Mutual, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert J. Williams Name: Robert J. Williams

Title: Senior Vice President and Treasurer

Date: December 17, 2007

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