

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2002

**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, 2002

Commission File Number 0-16914

**THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**31-1223339**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 977-3000

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY**

Item 5. Other Events

On December 13, 2002, The E.W. Scripps Company agreed to sell \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4 1/4 % Notes due 2009 (the Notes ) in a public offering through Credit Suisse First Boston pursuant to a Terms Agreement dated as of December 13, 2002 between The E.W. Scripps Company and Credit Suisse First Boston. The Notes are registered on a Registration Statement (the Registration Statement ) on Form S-3 of The E.W. Scripps Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 7, 2002 (file number 333-100390) pursuant to which The E.W. Scripps Company may issue an aggregate amount of \$500,000,000 of its notes. Incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 1.2 is the form of Underwriting Agreement relating to the Registration Statement.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.
  - (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
  - (c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:
    - 1.1 Terms Agreement dated December 13, 2002, between The E.W. Scripps Company and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.
    - 1.2 Form of Underwriting Agreement Relating to the Sale of Notes Pursuant to the Registration Statement of The E.W. Scripps Company on Form S-3.
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