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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):

December 1, 2004

The Walt Disney Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11605 (Commission File Number) 95-4545390 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 South Buena Vista Street Burbank, California (Address of principal executive offices)

91521 (Zip Code)

(818) 560-1000 (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable (Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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(d) On December 1, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Registrant elected Fred H. Langhammer as a Director, effective January 1, 2005. Mr. Langhammer is Chairman of Global Affairs of The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. The Board has not yet determined which Board committee or committees Mr. Langhammer will join.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

The Walt Disney Company

By: /s/ Roger J. Patterson Roger J. Patterson Vice President, Counsel

Dated: December 6, 2004