STAGE STORES INC Form 8-K January 11, 2007

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

January 8, 2007

(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

Stage Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-14035

(Commission File Number)

NEVADA 91-1826900

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas

77025

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(800) 579-2302

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Stage Stores issues News Release announcing updated long-range strategic growth initiatives.

On January 8, 2007, Stage Stores, Inc. issued a News Release announcing updated long-range strategic growth initiatives. A copy of the News Release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Stages Stores issues News Release announcing stock split and stock repurchase program and providing 2007 sales and EPS forecasts.

On January 9, 2007, Stage Stores, Inc. issued a News Release announcing a 3-for-2 stock split and a \$50 million stock repurchase program and providing preliminary FY 2007 sales and EPS forecasts on a post-split basis. A copy of the News Release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- 99.1 News Release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on January 8, 2007 announcing updated long-range strategic growth initiatives.
- 99.2 News Release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on January 9, 2007 announcing a 3-for-2 stock split and a \$50 million stock repurchase program and providing preliminary FY 2007 sales and EPS forecasts on a post-split basis.

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.

STAGE STORES, INC.

<u>January 11, 2007</u> (Date)

/s/ Michael E. McCreery
Michael E. McCreery
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer