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METRIS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K November 04, 2005

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 November 2, 2005 (Date of earliest event reported)

METRIS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-12351 41-1849591 (State or of incorporation) (Commission file number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10900 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305 (Address of principal executive offices)

(952) 525-5020 (Registrant's telephone number)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 2, 2005, Registrant, Metris Companies Inc. ("Metris" or "Company")) announced that the date for the special meeting of Metris stockholders to vote on the Company's proposed merger with HSBC Finance Corporation will be November 30, 2005. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the offices of Dorsey & Whitney LLP located at 50 S. Sixth Street, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, Minnesota. All Metris stockholders of record as of the end of day November 4, 2005, will be eligible to vote on the matter. The associated Proxy Statement will be mailed to Metris stockholders on or about November 10, 2005.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Metris Companies Inc. press release dated November 2, 2005 announcing the date for the special meeting of Metris stockholders to vote on the Company's proposed

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merger with HSBC Finance Corporation will be November 30, 2005.

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.

METRIS COMPANIES INC.

Dated: November 2, 2005 By:/s/William A. Houlihan

William A. Houlihan Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Metris Companies Inc. press release dated November 2, 2005.