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) January 26, 2005

E*TRADE Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-11921 (Commission 94-2844166 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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135 East 57th Street

New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10022 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

646-521-4300

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 2.02: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 26, 2005, the Company announced its fourth quarter earnings for fiscal year 2004. A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information furnished shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or incorporated by reference into any filing thereunder or under the Securities Act of 1933 unless expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Earnings Press Release, dated January 26, 2005

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: January 26, 2005 E*TRADE Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Russell S. Elmer

Russell S. Elmer Corporate Secretary