

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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 16, 2012**

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-3932**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**2000 M-63 North, Benton Harbor,**

**Michigan**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**  
**(269) 923-5000**

**49022-2692**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

Whirlpool Corporation previously announced that Larry M. Venturelli, its current Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller, would succeed Roy W. Templin, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, upon his retirement in 2012. On January 16, 2012, the Board of Directors of Whirlpool elected Mr. Venturelli to serve as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Templin will serve as Executive Vice President until April 2012 in order to continue to assist Whirlpool in its year-end reporting and with other transitional items. No decisions have been made at this time with respect to compensation arrangements as a result of this transition, but any required compensation information will be disclosed by Whirlpool once determined.

*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 17, 2012

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

By: /s/ KIRSTEN J. HEWITT

Name: Kirsten J. Hewitt

Title: Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs, General Counsel, and  
Corporate Secretary