

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

November 18, 2008

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)

November 14, 2008

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Rhode Island   | 0-13091                     | 05-0404671                           |
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| (State or Other<br>Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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:

.. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

.. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 14, 2008, Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release in which it announced that it has chosen not to apply to access funds through the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program. A copy of the press release relating to such announcement, dated November 14, 2008, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to General Instructions B.2 of Form 8-K, this information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit                                |
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| 99.1        | Press Release dated November 14, 2008* |

\*Filed herewith

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Date: November 14, 2008

By: /s/ David V. Devault  
David V. Devault  
Executive Vice President, Secretary,  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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