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): September 14, 2006 THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) **Delaware** 1-14762 36-3858106 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification Number) 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 600, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant selephone number, including area code: (630) 663-2000 Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

SERVICEMASTER CO

September 15, 2006

Form 8-K

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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On September 14, 2006, ServiceMaster borrowed an additional \$35 million under its \$500 million unsecured bank revolving credit facility dated as of May 19, 2004 and subsequently amended on May 6, 2005 among ServiceMaster, the lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank and Bank of America, N.A. as syndication agents, SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent, and U.S. Bank and Wachovia Bank, N.A. as documentation agents (the Credit Facility) at an interest rate of 5.91% with a 14-day term, payable on September 28, 2006. The Credit Facility is treated as a long-term debt obligation for purposes of Item 2.03.

The interest rate described above excludes the .15% facility fee payable under the Credit Facility. The borrowing under the Credit Facility will be used for general corporate purposes.

The outstanding principal balance of ServiceMaster s Credit Facility subsequent to the transaction described above is \$180 million as of September 14, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 15, 2006 THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY

By: <u>/s/ Jim L. Kaput</u> Jim L. Kaput

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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