

HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

December 15, 2004

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):

December 14, 2004

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J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Arkansas

0-11757

71-0335111

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

Commission File Number

(IRS EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

**615 J.B. Hunt Corporate Drive
Lowell, Arkansas**

72745

(479) 820-0000

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(ZIP CODE)

(Registrant's telephone number)

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 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 14, 2004, the registrant issued a news release announcing that its Board of Directors raised the Company's quarterly dividend from 3 cents to 12 cents per outstanding share of common stock and authorized the repurchase of up to \$100 million of its common stock over the next year. A copy of the news release is filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated December 14, 2004.

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 thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Lowell, Arkansas, on the 14th day of December 2004.

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.

BY: /s/ Kirk Thompson
Kirk Thompson
President and Chief Executive Officer

BY: /s/ Jerry W. Walton
Jerry W. Walton
Executive Vice President, Finance and
Administration,
Chief Financial Officer

BY: /s/ Donald G. Cope
Donald G. Cope
Senior Vice President, Controller,
Chief Accounting Officer