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November 21, 2006

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 20, 2006
(November 20, 2006)

Washington Federal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington 0-25454 91-1661606
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors

At the meeting of Washington Federal, Inc.'s (the "Company") Board of Directors on Monday November 20, 2006, in accordance with a Board policy of not standing for re-election once 72 years of age is reached, it was announced that two current directors, Guy C. Pinkerton and W. Alden Harris, will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders' on January 25, 2007. This action will complete the Company's long anticipated management and board transition which has occurred over the last eight years. Upon the retirement from the Board of Messrs. Pinkerton and Harris, the number of Directors authorized by the Company's bylaws will be decreased from 11 to 9.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

Dated: November 20, 2006

By: /s/ Brent J. Beardall

Brent J. Beardall
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer