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Form 8-K  
April 12, 2005

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) April 12, 2005

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	1-434	31-0411980
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission File Number)	----- (IRS Employer Identification Number)
One Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio		45202
----- (Address of principal executive offices)		----- (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	(513) 983-1100	-----

- 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)
- 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))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On April 12, 2005, The Procter & Gamble Company (the "Company") announced that the Board of Directors of the Company has unanimously agreed to submit and support a proposal at the annual meeting of shareholders in October 2005, to declassify its board structure and move to annual elections of directors. The Board said it was guided by shareholder opinion on this important issue of corporate governance.

If approved by more than 50% of the shares outstanding, annual elections will be phased in during the next three years so that by the annual meeting in 2008, all directors will be elected annually for one-year terms.

The Company is furnishing this 8-K pursuant to Item 7.01, "Regulation FD Disclosure."

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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.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

/S/ CHRIS B. WALTHER

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Chris B. Walther, Associate General  
Counsel and Assistant Secretary  
April 12, 2005

EXHIBITS

99. News Release by The Procter & Gamble Company dated April 12, 2005.