

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
Form S-8  
June 26, 2008

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 26, 2008

Registration No. 333-

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**31-1223339**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**312 Walnut Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 977-3000**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**The E. W. Scripps Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

**M. Denise Kuprionis**  
**Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Director of Legal Affairs**  
**The E. W. Scripps Company**  
**312 Walnut Street**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**  
**(513) 977-3835**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone numbers, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated  
filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting  
company)

Smaller reporting  
company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of each class of Securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Class A Common Shares, \$0.01 par value	200,000 Shares	\$ 44.43	\$ 8,886,000	\$ 349.00

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the Securities Act ) this Registration Statement shall also include an indeterminate number of Class A Common Shares that may become issuable pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan described herein by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration that increases the number of the Company s outstanding Class A Common Shares.

(2) Estimated solely for the purposes

of determining  
the amount of  
the registration  
fee, in  
accordance with  
Rule 457(c) and  
457(h) of the  
Securities Act,  
on the basis of  
the average of  
the high and low  
price per share  
of Class A  
Common  
Shares, as  
reported on the  
New York  
Stock Exchange  
on June 23,  
2008.

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**REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITIES FOR ISSUANCE UNDER  
THE COMPANY S EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

As permitted under General Instruction E to Form S-8, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed solely to register pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 200,000 additional Class A Common Shares of The E. W. Scripps Company (the Company ) for issuance pursuant to the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan ).

On November 21, 1997, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-40767), and on November 3, 2004, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-120185), covering Class A Common Shares to be issued under the Plan (the Prior Registration Statements ). The Prior Registration Statements cover 1,000,000 Class A Common Shares and are hereby incorporated by reference.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, The E. W. Scripps Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, on June 26, 2008.

THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By: \*Kenneth W. Lowe  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on June 26, 2008.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>
*Kenneth W. Lowe	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
*Joseph G. NeCastro	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
*William R. Burleigh	Chairman of the Board of Directors
*John H. Burlingame	Director
*David A. Galloway	Director
*David M. Moffett	Director
*Jarl Mohn	Director
*Nicholas B. Paumgarten	Director
*Jeffrey Sagansky	Director
*Nackey E. Scagliotti	Director
*Paul K. Scripps	Director
*Ronald W. Tysoe	Director

\* The undersigned, by signing his name hereto,

does hereby  
sign this  
document on  
behalf of the  
Registrant and  
on behalf of  
each of the  
above-named  
persons  
indicated above  
by asterisks,  
pursuant to a  
power of  
attorney duly  
executed by the  
Registrant and  
such persons,  
filed with the  
Securities and  
Exchange  
Commission as  
an exhibit  
hereto.

By: */s/ William Appleton*  
Name: William Appleton  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibits</b>
5	Opinion and Consent of Thompson Hine LLP
23	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for The E. W. Scripps Company
24	Power of Attorney
99	The E. W. Scripps Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan