

WESTERN UNION CO

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**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): August 24, 2009

THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32903
(Commission File Number)

20-4531180
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

12500 East Belford Avenue
Englewood, Colorado
(Address of principal executive offices)

80112
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (866) 405-5012

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 5.04. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.

The Western Union Company (the "Company") was notified on August 24, 2009, that due to the transition of recordkeeping duties to Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. effective October 1, 2009, participants in The Western Union Company Incentive Savings Plan and the Western Union Financial Services, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Plans") will be temporarily unable, among other things, to transfer funds out of or obtain a loan or distribution during a blackout period expected to begin during the week of September 20, 2009 and end during the week of October 4, 2009 (the "Blackout Period") from the Western Union Stock Fund, which holds Company common stock. The Western Union Stock Fund (through its predecessor, the First Data Corporation Stock Fund) has been frozen to new investment since January 1, 2006.

As a result of the foregoing, on August 28, 2009, the Company sent a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them of the Blackout Period, during which they will be prohibited from engaging in transactions in equity securities of the Company (the "Notice").

The Notice was provided to the Company's directors and executive officers pursuant to the requirements of Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 104 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation BTR. A copy of the Notice is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

During the Blackout Period and for a period of two years thereafter, a security holder or other interested person may obtain without charge information regarding the Blackout Period, including the actual beginning and ending dates of the Blackout Period, by contacting Steven Christoffersen, Senior Counsel, The Western Union Company, 12500 E. Belford Avenue, M21A3, Englewood, CO 80112, Telephone (720) 332-4436, Fax (720) 332-0522.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Notice of Blackout Period to Directors and Executive Officers of The Western Union Company dated August 28, 2009.

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.

THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY

Dated: August 28, 2009

By: /s/ Sarah J. Kilgore

Name: Sarah J. Kilgore

Title: Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
REQUIRED NOTICE OF WESTERN UNION STOCK TRADING RESTRICTION

August 28, 2009

As you are aware, The Western Union Company and certain of its related entities maintain The Western Union Company Incentive Savings Plan ("ISP") and the Western Union Financial Services, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees (the "RSP") (collectively, the "401(k) Plans"), and one of the investments in the 401(k) Plans is common stock of The Western Union Company, par value \$.01 ("Western Union Stock"), held in the Western Union Stock Fund. The Western Union Stock Fund (through its predecessor, the First Data Corporation Stock Fund) has been frozen to new investment since January 1, 2006.

This notice is to inform you that due to the transition to Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. as the 401(k) Plans' new recordkeeper effective October 1, 2009, participants in the 401(k) Plans will be temporarily unable, among other things, to transfer out of the Western Union Stock Fund (or obtain a loan or distribution from the Western Union Stock Fund).

This period, during which the participants will be unable to exercise these rights otherwise available under the 401(k) Plans, is called a "blackout period." The blackout period in the 401(k) Plans is expected to begin the week of September 20, 2009 and end the week of October 4, 2009.

During these weeks, you can determine whether the blackout period has started or ended by contacting:

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(720) 332-0522 (fax)

If you are a Section 16 Insider (director or executive officer), you will be unable to sell Western Union Stock (a) during any time period that participants under the 401(k) Plans are unable to sell Western Union Stock and (b) during any time period during which you are restricted from buying or selling by the Western Union Insider Trading Policy or the Securities and Exchange Commission Insider Trading Rules. You are also prohibited from purchasing Western Union Stock during this period. Because the blackout period falls outside of a quarterly open window period described in the Western Union Insider Trading Policy Applicable to Section 16 Insiders, you would be restricted from trading in Western Union Stock during this period even if no restrictions on participant trading in the 401(k) Plans were in effect. Any Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan you have in place during the blackout period will continue to apply in accordance with its terms. In addition, any election you made (or were deemed to have made) during a previous open window period concerning the method of tax withholding on restricted stock awards that will vest on September 29, 2009 will remain in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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