

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
October 27, 2008

**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) October 24, 2008**

**Washington Federal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-25454**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1661606**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**98101**  
(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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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Items

On October 21, 2008, the Office of Thrift Supervision, Washington Federal's primary regulator, officially terminated the consent order that was originally issued on December 21, 2007. The order required Washington Federal Savings to enhance its compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and Flood Disaster Protection Act and to strengthen and improve its programs and controls for compliance with these Acts and related laws and regulations.

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: October 24, 2008

By: /s/ Brent J. Beardall  
Brent J. Beardall  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer