

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

October 16, 2002

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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 16, 2002

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366

(Commission File Number)

100 Federal Street, Boston, MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

05-0341324

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

02110

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-434-2200

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

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.

*Pursuant to Form 8-K, General Instructions F, the Company hereby incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release dated October 16, 2002 announcing third quarter 2002 earnings. |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed in its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Ernest L. Puschaver

Ernest L. Puschaver
Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: October 16, 2002

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