

FULTON FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
July 31, 2006

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: July 31, 2006
(Date of earliest event reported): July 31, 2006
Commission File No. 0-10587

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania 23-2195389
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification Number)
One Penn Square

Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 717-291-2411

Former name or former address, if changed since last Report: N/A

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Pre-commencement to communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 7.01:

On July 31, 2006, Fulton Financial Corporation (Fulton) announced that it had made a strategic decision to combine two of its New Jersey subsidiary banks, First Washington State Bank and The Bank. The combined entity will continue business as The Bank . In addition, Fulton also announced that it had made a strategic decision to combine two of its Pennsylvania subsidiary banks, Premier Bank and Fulton Bank. The combined entity will continue business as Fulton Bank .

The combination of banks will require the approval of the banks primary federal and state regulators. The New Jersey banks and Fulton Bank are state nonmember banks. Premier Bank is a state member bank. It is anticipated that the transactions will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2006 or first quarter of 2007.

The press releases relating to this internal restructuring are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 31, 2006

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ R. Scott Smith

R. Scott Smith

Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated July 31, 2006 |
| 99.2 | Press Release, dated July 31, 2006 |