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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): **September 13, 2004**

**FIRST DATA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-11073**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**47-0731996**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6200 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80111**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(303) 967-8000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 9.01. Exhibits.**

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The following is the exhibit filed herewith.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
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5.1	Opinion of Stanley J. Andersen
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**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.

FIRST DATA CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ STANLEY J. ANDERSEN

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Name: Stanley J. Andersen  
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: September 13, 2004

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

The following exhibit is filed herewith and is an exhibit to the Registrant's (i) Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (Registration No. 333-106071), and (ii) Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (Registration No. 333-56748), as noted below:

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