

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
And Regulation FD**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 12, 2003**

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>Delaware</b>                                       | <b>1-3932</b>                   | <b>38-1490038</b>                           |
| <b>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)</b> | <b>(Commission File Number)</b> | <b>(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)</b> |

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| <b>2000 M63 North,<br/>Benton Harbor, Michigan</b> | <b>49022-2692</b> |
| <b>(Address of principal executive officers)</b>   | <b>(Zip Code)</b> |

**(269)-923-5000**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**



**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On March 12, 2003, the registrant reaffirmed in an announcement its previously disclosed first quarter and full year earnings outlook. The registrant stated it expected first-quarter earnings to approximate its previous forecast of flat to up moderately from last year's core earnings of \$1.32 per share. For the full year, the registrant reaffirmed its full-year earnings guidance of \$6.20 to \$6.40 per share.

**Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Copy of press release dated March 12, 2003.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ ROBERT T.  
KENAGY

Name: **Robert T. Kenagy**  
Title: **Corporate Secretary**

Date: March 12, 2003