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): March 21, 2005

VERISIGN, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-23593 (Commission File Number) 94-3221585 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

487 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 94043 (Zip Code)

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(650) 961-7500

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, 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 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), announced that Edward A. Mueller, Chief Executive Officer of Williams-Sonoma, has been appointed to the Company s Board of Directors, effective March 21, 2005. The Company also announced that Kevin R. Compton has resigned from the Company s Board of Directors, effective March 21, 2005. Mr. Compton s resignation from the Board of Directors did not involve any disagreement with the Company.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Mueller s appointment and Mr. Compton s resignation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Text of press release of VeriSign, Inc. issued on March 22, 2005.

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.

VERISIGN, INC.

Date: March 22, 2005

By: /s/ James M. Ulam

James M. Ulam Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Exhibit Index

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