WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ Form 8-K February 22, 2013

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 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) February 18, 2013

### WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-3932 (Commission 38-1490038 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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## 2000 M-63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

49022-2692 (Zip Code)

(269) 923-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

11 1	8-K filing is intende	ed to simultaneously sa	atisfy the filing obligation	on of the registrant under any of
the following provisions:				

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

#### **Retirement of Directors**

On February 18, 2013 Kathleen J. Hempel and Miles L. Marsh, members of the Board of Directors of Whirlpool Corporation (the Board ) provided notice to the Corporate Secretary that they will retire at the end of their current terms and will not stand for re-election to the Board at the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled for April 16, 2013.

#### **Appointment of New Director**

On February 19, 2013, the Board appointed Diane M. Dietz a Director of Whirlpool Corporation and a member of the Board s Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and Finance Committee.

Ms. Dietz s compensation will be consistent with that of other nonemployee directors, consisting of an annual cash retainer in the amount of \$120,000, and annual equity compensation, to be paid in Whirlpool common stock, in the amount of \$120,000. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the nonemployee director compensation program, Ms. Dietz received a grant of 1,000 shares of Whirlpool common stock under the 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, upon her appointment to the Board.

The press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Dietz is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 19, 2013

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#### **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

Date: February 22, 2013 By: /s/ KIRSTEN J. HEWITT

Name: Kirsten J. Hewitt

Title: Senior Vice President Corporate

Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary