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September 16, 2004

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): SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

THE GILLETTE COMPANY

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(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

DELAWARE

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04-1366970

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF (COMMISSION (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)  
INCORPORATION) FILE NUMBER)

PRUDENTIAL TOWER BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02199

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(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (617) 421-7000

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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))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

In order to furnish certain exhibits for incorporation by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of The Gillette Company previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (File No. 333-86336), which Registration Statement was declared effective by the Commission on July 10, 2002, The Gillette Company is filing as Exhibit 1.6 to such Registration Statement, a Terms Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2004, by and among The Gillette Company, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("Citigroup"), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"), and UBS Securities LLC ("UBS"), and as Exhibit 4.10 to such Registration Statement, a form of Floating Rate Note due 2043 to be issued by The Gillette Company in connection with the

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offering described in the Terms Agreement.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

1.6. Terms Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2004, by and between The Gillette Company, Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, and UBS.

4.10. Form of Floating Rate Note due 2043.

### 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.

THE GILLETTE COMPANY

Date: September 16, 2004

By: /S/ Gail F. Sullivan

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Name: Gail F. Sullivan

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

The following designated exhibits are filed herewith:

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