WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K March 29, 2005

# 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 28, 2005

# WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-13913 (Commission File Number) 51-0261715 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6300 Lamar Avenue

Overland Park, Kansas 66202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 236-2000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant s 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 ( <i>see</i> General Instruction A.2. below):	
O	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
o	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
o	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

Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. is furnishing this Current Report on Form 8-K in order to furnish to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a statement issued by the Company on March 28, 2005. A copy of the statement being furnished is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1

Statement dated March 28, 2005 titled Waddell & Reed Disputes Action by Missouri Securities Division (furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: March 28, 2005 By: /s/ Wendy J. Hills

Vice President, Secretary and Associate General Counsel

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### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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