

HICKORY TECH CORP  
Form 8-K  
November 16, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): **November 16, 2004**

**HICKORY TECH CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-13721**  
(Commission file number)

**41-1524393**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**221 East Hickory Street, P.O. Box 3248, Mankato, MN**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**56002-3248**  
(Zip Code)

**(800) 326-5789**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former 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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 16, 2004, Hickory Tech Corporation (the Company) announced that its claims against MCI/WorldCom Inc. (WorldCom) for \$1.2 million in receivables owed to HickoryTech at the time of WorldCom's 2002 bankruptcy are being contested by WorldCom. A copy of the press release containing more information is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to, and incorporated by reference in, this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated November 16, 2004, issued by Hickory Tech Corporation

**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.

Date: November 16, 2004

**HICKORY TECH CORPORATION**

By: /s/ John E. Duffy  
Name: John E. Duffy  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ David A. Christensen  
Name: David A. Christensen  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated November 16, 2004, issued by Hickory Tech Corporation