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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

December 8, 2004 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware Delaware 1-9700 94-3025021 (State or other jurisdiction Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) File Number Identification Number)

1-9700

94-3025021

120 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 627-7000

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of
Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On December 8, 2004, Mr. George P. Shultz notified The Charles Schwab Corporation of his decision to retire from the Board of Directors. Mr. Shultz's retirement will be effective as of December 31, 2004.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2004 /s/ Christopher V. Dodds

Christopher V. Dodds Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer - 2 -