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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2009

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 000-21430 88-0296885

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2901 Las Vegas Boulevard

Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 794-9237

(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):

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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.

Effective February 23, 2009, Jeffrey A. Silver voluntarily resigned from the Board of Directors of Riviera Holdings Corporation (the "Company"). Mr. Silver resigned from the Company's Board of Directors for personal reasons and not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices.

A copy of Mr. Silver's resignation letter, dated February 23, 2009, is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Exhibits

17.1 Letter of Resignation by Jeffrey A. Silver, dated February 23, 2009.

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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.

Date: February 27, 2009 RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Phillip B. Simons

Phillip B. Simons

Treasurer and Chief Financial

Officer