SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

| FORM 8-K |
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| CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) |
| of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 |
| Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 31, 2005 |
| VERISIGN, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) |
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000-23593 (Commission File Number)

94-3221585 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

487 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94043 (Zip Code)

(650) 961-7500

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), announced that Louis A. Simpson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Operations, of GEICO Corporation, has been appointed to the Company s Board of Directors, effective May 31, 2005. The Company also announced that William A. Roper, Jr., who has served on the Company s Board of Directors since November 2003, was appointed Lead Independent Director.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointments is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Text of press release of VeriSign, Inc. issued on May 31, 2005.

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.

VERISIGN, INC.

Date: May 31, 2005 By: /s/ James M. Ulam

James M. Ulam Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Text of press release of VeriSign, Inc. issued on May 31, 2005.