

Morningstar, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2011

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## 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 17, 2011**

## MORNINGSTAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**000-51280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3297908**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**22 West Washington Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60602**  
(Zip Code)

(312) 696-6000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 17, 2011, members of management of Morningstar, Inc. (the Company) will make the presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 at its Annual Shareholders Meeting which will be held at the Company's corporate headquarters in Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 a.m. (CST).

**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

The presentation includes the following measures considered as non-GAAP by the Securities and Exchange Commission: free cash flow and consolidated revenue excluding acquisitions and foreign currency translations (organic revenue).

The Company presents these measure as supplemental information to help investors better understand trends in its business results over time. The Company's management team uses free cash flow to evaluate the performance of its business. Free cash flow is not equivalent to any measure of performance required to be reported under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, nor should this data be considered an indicator of the Company's overall financial performance or liquidity. Moreover, the free cash flow definition the Company uses may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

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

(d) Exhibits:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>           |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Annual Meeting Presentation. |

**SIGNATURES**

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.

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

Date: May 17, 2011

By: /s/ Scott Cooley  
Name: Scott Cooley  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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