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): August 5, 2004 Verticalnet, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) 000-25269 23-2815834 Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) **Identification No.)**

400 Chester Field Parkway, Malvern, PA (Address of principal executive offices)

19355 Zip Code

Registrant s telephone, including area code: (610) 240-0600

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Not Applicable

 $(Former\ name\ and\ former\ address,\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c)	Exhibits.

The following press release is included as an exhibit to this report furnished under Item 12:

99.1 Press Release dated August 5, 2004 issued by Verticalnet, Inc.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On August 5, 2004, Verticalnet, Inc. (Verticalnet) issued a press release setting forth Verticalnet s financial information for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The full text of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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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.

VERTICALNET, INC.

Date: August 6, 2004 By: /s/ Gene S. Godick

Name: Gene S. Godick

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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