

AMERITRADE HOLDING CORP

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549  
FORM 8-K/A  
Amendment No. 1  
Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 15, 2005

**Ameritrade Holding Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-49992  
(Commission File Number)

82-0543156  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

4211 South 102<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Omaha, Nebraska  
(Address of principal executive offices)

68127  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (402) 331-7856  
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

On November 15, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ameritrade Holding Corporation (the Company) entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y) to retain E&Y as the Company's principal independent registered public accounting firm, to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 29, 2006, to provide an attestation report on management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting, and to review the Company's unaudited interim financial information with respect to its Form 10-Q reports in fiscal 2006. The Company has not consulted with E&Y regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2) of Regulation S-K during the Company's two most recent fiscal years and subsequent interim period. On November 15, 2005, Deloitte & Touche LLP (D&T), the Company's current independent registered public accounting firm, informed the Company that D&T declined to stand for reelection for the fiscal year ending on September 29, 2006 due to independence issues that would preclude D&T from continuing to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm after the closing of the Company's proposed acquisition of TD Waterhouse Group, Inc. D&T will cease its service as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm effective upon the completion of the audit of the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

As disclosed in Item 4.02(a) of the Company's Form 8-K filed November 18, 2005, the Company decided to file an amended Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2004 to restate the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 24, 2004 and September 26, 2003, and the related Consolidated Statements of Operations, Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years then ended to account for the embedded collars within the forward contracts on the Company's investment in Knight Capital Group, Inc. as non-hedging derivatives. The audit reports of D&T as previously included in the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2004, filed on December 9, 2004, contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. As a result of the restatement, reliance should not be placed on D&T's reports of independent registered public accounting firm included in the Form 10-K filed on December 9, 2004. The audit reports of D&T included in the Company's Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2004, filed on November 18, 2005, contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. D&T's audit report with respect to the Company's consolidated financial statements was modified to include an explanatory paragraph regarding the restatement of the fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2003 consolidated financial statements. D&T has not yet rendered its audit reports on the Company's financial statements or attestation report on management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

During the Company's fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and September 24, 2004, and during the interim period from October 1, 2005 through November 15, 2005, there have been no disagreements with D&T on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements if not resolved to the satisfaction of D&T, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report. During the Company's fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and September 24, 2004 and the interim period from October 1, 2005 through November 15, 2005, there were the following reportable events as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K:

- 1) The matter described under Item 4.02(a) of the Company's Form 8-K filed November 18, 2005. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has discussed the matter described under Item 4.02 of such Form 8-K with D&T and has authorized D&T to respond fully to inquiries of E&Y concerning such matter.

- 2) A matter reported in the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2004 related to a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( FDIC ) insured deposit sweep program available to Ameritrade, Inc.'s clients wherein funds were deposited, through an intermediary agent, into FDIC-insured deposit accounts at banks. D&T concluded that the controls in place relating to the program were not properly designed to provide reasonable assurance that the funds were properly recorded and disclosed in the financial statements and assets were appropriately considered in regulatory net capital computations. In D&T's judgment, this was a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has discussed this matter with D&T and has authorized D&T to respond fully to inquiries of E&Y concerning such matter.

The Company provided D&T with a copy of the foregoing disclosures and requested D&T to furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether D&T agrees with the foregoing statements made by the Company and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. A copy of the letter, dated November 22, 2005, furnished by D&T is filed as Exhibit 16 to this current report on Form 8-K/A.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Please see Item 4.01 above.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
16	Letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP Re Change in Certifying Accountant

**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed acquisition of TD Waterhouse Group, Inc., Ameritrade filed a revised preliminary proxy statement concerning the transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) with a filing date of November 23, 2005. Ameritrade will also file a definitive proxy statement and relevant documents with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. SECURITY HOLDERS OF AMERITRADE ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders can obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement and other documents when they become available by contacting Investor Relations at [www.amtd.com](http://www.amtd.com), or by mail at Ameritrade Investor Relations, 4211 S. 102 Street, Omaha, NE 68127, or by Telephone: 800-237-8692. In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Ameritrade are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Ameritrade Holding Corporation, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Ameritrade in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction is included in the preliminary proxy statement of Ameritrade described above. This document is available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and from Investor Relations at Ameritrade as described above. Information regarding The Toronto-Dominion Bank's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended October 31, 2004, which was filed with the SEC on December 13, 2004, and in its notice of annual meeting and proxy circular for its 2005 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on February 17, 2005. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**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.

AMERITRADE HOLDING CORPORATION

Date: November 23, 2005

By: /S/ JOHN R. MACDONALD

Name: John R. MacDonald

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Chief  
Administrative Officer