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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

October 29, 2004
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9700	94-3025021
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

120 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 627-7000

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

As previously reported, on August 31, 2004, The Charles Schwab Corporation (the Company), along with CS Capital Markets & Co. and Schwab Associates & Co., entered into an agreement with UBS Securities LLC and UBS Americas Inc. pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell its capital market business. Concurrently with the closing of that transaction on October 29, 2004, the Company and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) entered into order routing and execution services agreements with UBS Securities LLC and Schwab Capital Markets L.P. (together, UBS) for the handling of Schwab's equity and listed options order flow.

Pursuant to these services agreements, Schwab has committed to route most orders in equity securities and listed options to UBS for order handling and execution, for a term of eight years. Certain orders are excluded from these agreements, including orders for the accounts of CyberTrader, Inc.(R) and affiliates of U.S. Trust Corporation, and certain orders for clients of Schwab Institutional, through which Schwab provides custody, trading and support services to independent investment advisors. Order execution by UBS will be subject to stringent execution quality standards, and to operations and technology service levels. Generally, UBS will execute equity orders without commission or a commission equivalent and without pass-through of third-party charges. Under certain circumstances, charges may apply for the execution of orders that require special handling or entail additional costs.

The agreements provide for liquidated damages if Schwab breaches its commitments to route specified orders through UBS. Either Schwab or UBS may terminate either of the services agreements for material breach by the other and in the event of certain changes in control of UBS.

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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.

THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 4, 2004

/s/ Christopher V. Dodds

Christopher V. Dodds
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

