

STATE STREET CORP  
Form 8-A12B  
January 13, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

State Street Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Massachusetts

04-2456637

(State of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

225 Franklin Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

02110

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box:

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box:

Securities Act registration statement file number pursuant to which this form relates: 333-98267  
(if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class to be so Registered:

SPACES

Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered:

New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: N/A

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.**

The class of securities to be registered hereby is the SPACES of State Street Corporation (the SPACES ).

For a description of the SPACES, reference is made to the description of the SPACES included in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated January 10, 2003 relating to the SPACES, which description is incorporated herein by reference. The Preliminary Prospectus Supplement forms part of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Commission File No. 333-98267), as amended and supplemented, which has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The final prospectus supplement describing the SPACES will be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) under the Securities Act and shall be incorporated by reference into this registration statement on Form 8-A.

This Registration Statement is being filed in connection with the listing of the SPACES on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Item 2. EXHIBITS.**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement:

- \*1. Form of Purchase Contract Agreement between the Registrant and Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as Purchase Contract Agent.
- \*2. Form of Pledge Agreement between the Registrant and Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent, Securities Intermediary and Purchase Contract Agent.
- \*3. Form of SPACES Certificate (included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 1 hereto).
- \*4. Form of Separate PACES Certificate (included as Exhibit B to Exhibit 1 hereto).
- \*5. Form of Separate Variable-Share Repurchase Contract (included as Exhibit C to Exhibit 1 hereto).

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\* To be filed by amendment

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

STATE STREET  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ FREDERICK P.  
BAUGHMAN

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Name: Frederick P.  
Baughman  
Title: Senior Vice  
President, Controller  
and  
Chief  
Accounting Officer

Date: January 13, 2003