Morningstar, Inc.
Form 8-K
April 18, 2012

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 17, 2012**

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois	**000-51280**	**36-3297908**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

225 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois **60606**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 696-6000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 17, 2012, Morningstar, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Liz Kirscher, president of the Data division, is leaving the company in June. The company plans to announce her successor in the coming months. A copy of the company s press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued April 17, 2012.

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: April 18, 2012

By: /s/ RICHARD E. ROBBINS
Name: Richard E. Robbins
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary