# 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): November 14, 2005

# **BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 1-6523 (Commission File Number)

56-0906609

(IRS Employer Identification No.) 100 North Tryon Street

Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

> 28255 (Zip Code)

(888) 279-3457 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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.

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act.

#### Item 5.04. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plan.

On November 16, 2005, Bank of America Corporation (the "Registrant") sent a notice (the "Notice") to its directors and executive officers informing them that the Bank of America 401(k) Plan and the FleetBoston Financial Savings Plan (collectively, the "Plans") will be changing their recordkeeping service provider to Fidelity Investments. The Notice states that, as a result of this change, Plan participants will temporarily be unable to direct or diversify investments in their accounts, obtain a loan from the Plans, or obtain a distribution from the Plans during a period that will begin December 31, 2005 (December 27, 2005 for the FleetBoston Plan) and is expected to end on January 9, 2006. In addition, certain transactions (related to elections to contribute to the Plans for the final payroll period in December) will be suspended as early as December 16, 2005.

The Notice further states that the limitations on transactions during the blackout will impact the Bank of America Stock Fund maintained under each Plan and thus, pursuant to Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, directors and executives are prohibited from directly or indirectly purchasing, selling, or otherwise acquiring or transferring any equity security of the Registrant during the entire period that participant transactions are restricted under the Plans. The Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The Registrant received the notice required by Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, on November 14, 2005.

Inquiries concerning the blackout should be directed to William Mostyn, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, by telephone at 704.386.5083 or by mail at Bank of America Corporation, 100 North Tryon Street, NC1-007-20-01, Charlotte, NC 28255.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Notice to Directors and Designated "Insiders" of Bank of America Corporation dated November 16, 2005.

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# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Ellen Perrin

Ellen Perrin Assistant General Counsel

Dated: November 18, 2005

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To: Bank of America Corporation Directors and Designated "Insiders"

#### Re: Blackout Policy and Preclearance Procedures

This memo supplements the memo sent to you on November 1 by including information relating to the 401(k) plan blackout.

As a result of your position as a director or designated "Insider" of Bank of America Corporation, you are subject to certain trading blackouts and preclearance procedures that are outlined in this memorandum.

## Fourth Quarter Blackout

Our regular fourth quarter earnings blackout commences at the open of business on December 13<sup>h</sup> and lasts through the close of business on the date fourth quarter earnings are announced, currently planned for January 23, 2006.

## **Overlapping Sarbanes-Oxley Blackout**

At the end of this year, the Bank of America 401(k) Plan and the FleetBoston Financial Savings Plan will be changing their recordkeeping service provider to Fidelity Investments. As a result of this change, plan participants will temporarily be unable to direct or diversify investments in their accounts, obtain a loan from the plan, or obtain a distribution from the plan. All transactions under the plans will be suspended from December 31, 2005 (December 27, 2005 for the FleetBoston plan) until January 9, 2006. In addition, certain transactions (related to elections to contribute to the plans for the final payroll period in December) will be suspended as early as December 16, 2005. These limitations on transactions during the transition to Fidelity Investments will impact the Bank of America Stock Fund maintained under each plan. As a result, under Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, directors and executives are prohibited by federal law from directly or indirectly purchasing, selling, or otherwise acquiring or transferring any equity security of Bank of America during the period that participant transactions are restricted under the plans. <u>This Sarbanes-Oxley required blackout</u> overlaps with the fourth quarter blackout and the same prohibitions and preclearance procedures apply. <u>Therefore, the Sarbanes-Oxley blackout should not create any additional</u> limitations or restrictions on you beyond those already required by the fourth quarter blackout.

#### **Blackout and Preclearance Procedures**

During the blackout, you must not effect any transactions in Bank of America stock (e.g., market purchases and sales or changes in stock and phantom stock elections in your 401(k), pension, restoration or other benefit or deferral plan accounts). Cashless exercises are also prohibited during the blackouts. Directors and members of the Risk and Capital Committee are not allowed to execute cashless exercises at any time through an affiliated broker-dealer, Smith Barney or Fidelity because of restrictions under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Bona fide gifts, charitable donations, the delivery of shares in payment of tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock and transactions pursuant to pre-established Rule 10b5-1 plans are permitted during this time. (As you know, however, even if we are outside a blackout period, you must never trade in shares of Bank of America stock when you are in possession of material, nonpublic information about the Corporation, unless such transaction is pursuant to a pre-established Rule 10b5-1 plan.)

Even if we are not in an established blackout period, you still must receive approval from one of the following officers in the Legal Department before effectingany transaction in Bank of America stock:

Ellen A. Perrin	Assistant General Counsel	704.386.1624
Teresa M. Brenner	Associate General Counsel	704.386.4238
William J. Mostyn	Deputy General Counsel and	704.386.5083
	Corporate Secretary	

Please note that each preclearance approval is valid only for a period of twenty-four hours since facts and circumstances often rapidly change. If your transaction will be executed more than twenty-four hours after you receive preclearance approval, you must contact one of the foregoing individuals again.

As a reminder, the blackout policy and preclearance procedures also apply to transactions by your spouse and members of your immediate family sharing your household (as well as to transactions by certain of your affiliated trusts and other entities).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Teresa, Ellen or me.

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William J. Mostyn III

cc: Teresa M. Brenner Ellen A. Perrin