

CBS CORP
Form 8-K
March 18, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): **March 16, 2011**

CBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-09553

(Commission File Number)

04-2949533

(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10019

(zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 975-4321**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On March 16, 2011, CBS Corporation (CBS or the Company) entered into a new employment agreement (the Agreement) with Martin D. Franks, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, which provides for Mr. Franks' continued employment as the Company's Executive Vice President, Planning, Policy and Government Affairs.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Franks: will receive an annual base salary of \$750,000; is eligible to receive an annual bonus of 85% of his base salary; is eligible to receive annual grants under the Company's long-term incentive plan having a target value equal to \$1.3 million; and is eligible to participate in arrangements for benefits and reimbursement of business expenses available to other senior executives of CBS.

If Mr. Franks resigns his employment for good reason, or if the Company terminates his employment without cause, each as defined in the Agreement, Mr. Franks will be entitled to receive a severance amount equal to 18 months of his annual salary, an additional severance amount equal to 1.5 times his target bonus, accelerated vesting of all unvested stock options, restricted shares and restricted share units that would have vested during the 18-month period following his termination of employment, health benefits for up to 18 months and insurance benefits until the end of the employment term. In the event of Mr. Franks' termination without cause or for good reason within 24 months of certain events set forth in the Agreement, Mr. Franks will instead be entitled to receive an amount equal to three times the sum of his annual salary and the average of his actual bonus awards for the preceding three years, accelerated vesting of all outstanding and unvested equity awards, and health and insurance benefits for up to 36 months (collectively, the Enhanced Severance). If any Enhanced Severance payable to Mr. Franks would be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Company has agreed to pay him, under certain defined circumstances and subject to certain limitations, an additional amount that places him in the same after tax economic position had the Enhanced Severance not been subject to the excise tax. The severance payments and benefits described above are subject to Mr. Franks' delivery of a general release in form satisfactory to CBS and his continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants for specified periods and, except in the case of Enhanced Severance, Mr. Franks shall be required to mitigate the termination payment amounts by seeking other employment.

At the expiration of the Agreement, in certain defined circumstances and subject to certain conditions, Mr. Franks' outstanding and unvested equity awards shall continue to vest in accordance with their established vesting schedule for a three-year period.

Mr. Franks will be subject to certain restrictive covenants imposing non-competition obligations, restricting solicitation of employees, and protecting confidential information and the Company's ownership of work product, including for specified periods following termination of employment. In the event of breach of any such provisions by Mr. Franks, the Agreement provides the Company equitable relief, including injunctive relief, and other legal remedies.

The foregoing description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following Exhibit is filed as part of this Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
10	Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2010, between CBS Corporation and Martin D. Franks

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.

CBS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By:	/s/ Louis J. Briskman
Name:	Louis J. Briskman
Title:	Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Date: March 18, 2011

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