UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR $15(\mathrm{~d})$ OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 21, 2005
PC Connection, Inc.
$\qquad$
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

| Delaware | 0-23827 | 02-0513618 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer <br> Identification No.) |

Rt. 101A, 730 Milford Road
Merrimack, NH
03054
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 683-2000

## N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

I_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
|_| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule $14 a-12$ under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

I_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule $14 \mathrm{~d}-2(\mathrm{~b})$ under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 21, 2005, PC Connection, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

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.

PC CONNECTION, INC.

By: /s/ JACK FERGUSON
Jack Ferguson
Treasurer and
Interim Chief Financial Officer

| Exhibit No. <br> ---------- | Description <br> ----------- |
| :--- | :--- |
| 99.1 | Press release issued by PC Connection, Inc. on <br> April $21,2005$. |

PC Connection, Inc. Reports First Quarter Results
MERRIMACK, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 21, 2005--PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC), a leading direct marketer of information technology products and solutions, today announced results for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2005 decreased by $\$ 3.7$ million, or $1.1 \%$, to $\$ 323.9$ million from $\$ 327.6$ million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2005, was $\$ 0.9$ million, or $\$ .04$ per share, compared to $\$ 1.2$ million, or $\$ .05$ per share for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Net sales for our commercial business was up $1.1 \%$ to $\$ 276.7$ million, compared to $\$ 273.8$ million in the first quarter of 2004. Net sales for the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) segment decreased by $3.4 \%$ from the first quarter of 2005 to $\$ 200.3$ million and decreased sequentially by $2.2 \%$ over the immediately preceding quarter. Sales to large account customers increased by $15.1 \%$ over the first quarter of 2004 to $\$ 76.4$ million and were substantially the same as such sales in the fourth quarter of 2004. Sales to government and education customers (the Company's public sector segment) declined for the quarter by $12.4 \%$ to $\$ 47.2$ million compared to the first quarter of 2004 .
"During the first quarter, strong year-over-year sales growth in our large account segment was offset by softness in demand in our SMB and public sector segments," said Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Looking forward, we are making our systems and sales tools more flexible and responsive, allowing us to be more productive as well as enhancing the buying experience for our customers. In addition, we recently began to roll out our new ServiceConnection(TM) offering, a suite of repair, installation, help desk support, remote backup and other IT services that can reduce the total cost of ownership for our SMB customers, and gives us a new platform for growth."

Notebooks and PDAs continued to be the Company's largest product category, accounting for $18.8 \%$ of net sales in the first quarter of 2005 compared to $21.0 \%$ for the corresponding period a year ago. Desktop computers and servers accounted for $14.8 \%$ of net sales in the first quarter of 2005 compared to $14.1 \%$ of net sales for the corresponding period a year ago. The average sales price for computer systems increased 1.9\% in the first quarter compared to the corresponding period a year ago, but decreased $2.2 \%$ compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Sales of accessories and other companion products increased $20.3 \%$ year over year.

Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, was $11.5 \%$ in the first quarter of 2005 compared to $10.4 \%$ in the first quarter of 2004, and compared to 12.5\% in the fourth quarter of 2004. Approximately $0.8 \%$ of the $1.1 \%$ year-over-year increase was attributable to the Company's refinement of its reclassification of certain vendor consideration proceeds from selling, general, and administrative expenses to cost of sales, as required by issue No. 02-16 of the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF 02-16"). As previously stated, the Company expects that its gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales may vary by quarter based upon vendor support programs, product mix, pricing strategies, market conditions, and other factors.

Consolidated annualized productivity decreased in the first quarter of 2005 by 7.5\% compared to the first quarter of 2004 . The total number of sales representatives as of March 31, 2005 increased by $7.0 \%$ to 597 from 558 as of March 31, 2004.

Total selling, general, and administrative expenses, as a percentage of sales, increased to $10.9 \%$ in the first quarter of 2005 compared to $9.4 \%$ in the corresponding period a year ago, primarily as the result of the EITF 02-16 reclassification referred to earlier. The Company expects that its SG\&A, as a percentage of net sales, may vary by quarter depending on changes in sales volume, as well as the levels of continuing investments in key growth initiatives.

Ms. Gallup concluded, "We believe that an innovative, customer-centric, yet disciplined approach is the key to success in our business. We will continue to execute this strategy as we work to build long-term shareholder value."

PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000 company, operates three sales subsidiaries, PC Connection Sales Corporation of Merrimack, NH, GovConnection, Inc. of Rockville, MD, and MoreDirect, Inc. of Boca Raton, FL.

PC Connection Sales Corporation (1-800-800-5555) is a rapid-response provider of information technology (IT) products and solutions offering more than 100,000 brand-name products to businesses through its staff of technically trained sales account managers and
catalog telesales representatives, catalogs, and publications, and its web site at www.pcconnection.com. The subsidiary serves the Apple/Macintosh community through its MacConnection division (1-800-800-2222), which also publishes specialized catalogs and is online at www.macconnection.com. GovConnection, Inc. (1-800-800-0019) is a rapid-response provider of IT products and solutions to federal, state, and local government agencies and educational institutions through specialized account managers, catalogs, and publications, and online at www.govconnection.com. MoreDirect, Inc. (www.moredirect.com) provides corporate technology buyers with a comprehensive web-based e-procurement solution and in-depth IT supply-chain expertise, serving as a one-stop source by aggregating more than 300,000 products from the inventories of leading IT wholesale distributors and manufacturers. All three subsidiaries can deliver custom-configured computer systems overnight.

A live webcast of PC Connection management's discussion of the first quarter will be available on the Company's Web site at www.pcconnection.com and on www.streetevents.com. The webcast will begin today at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.
"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the impact of changes in market demand and the overall level of economic activity, or in the level of business investment in information technology products, competitive products and pricing, product availability and market acceptance, new products, fluctuations in operating results and other risks detailed under the caption "Factors That May Affect Future Results and Financial Condition" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2004. More specifically, the statements in this release concerning the Company's outlook for 2005 and the statements concerning the Company's gross margin percentage, productivity, and selling and administrative costs and other statements of a non-historical basis (including statements regarding implementing strategies for future growth, the ability of the Company to improve sales productivity and increase its active customers) are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. Such risks and uncertainties include the ability to realize market demand for and competitive pricing pressures on the products and services marketed by the Company, the continued acceptance of the Company's distribution channel by vendors and customers, continuation of key vendor and customer relationships and support programs and the ability of the Company to hire and retain qualified sales representatives and other essential personnel.

CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS


| Desktops/Servers |  | 47,957 | 14.8 |  | 46,265 | 14.1 | 3.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Storage Devices |  | 28,861 | 8.9 |  | 26,503 | 8.1 | 8.9 |
| Software |  | 38,254 | 11.8 |  | 41,290 | 12.6 | (7.4) |
| Net/Com Products |  | 24,871 | 7.7 |  | 24,278 | 7.4 | 2.4 |
| Printers \& Printer Supplies |  | 34,418 | 10.6 |  | 36,886 | 11.3 | (6.7) |
| Video, Imaging \& Sound |  | 37,565 | 11.6 |  | 39,104 | 11.9 | (3.9) |
| Memory \& System Enhancements |  | 17,747 | 5.5 |  | 16,867 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Accessories/Other |  | 33,328 | 10.3 |  | 27,705 | 8.4 | 20.3 |
|  | \$ | 323,851 | 100.0\% | \$ | 327,635 | 100.0\% | (1.1) \% |

Net Sales of Enterprise Server and Networking Products (included in the above Product Mix):

| $\$ 94,912$ | $29.3 \%$ | 84,063 | $25.7 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Indicators: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual shares outstanding |  | 25,136 |  | 25,008 |
| Total book value per share | \$ | 6.66 | \$ | 6.34 |
| Tangible book value per share | \$ | 4.48 | \$ | 4.42 |
| Closing price | \$ | 5.87 | \$ | 7.93 |
| Market capitalization |  | 147,548 | \$ | 198,313 |
| Trailing price/earnings ratio (3) |  | 18 |  | 34 |

(1) Annualized
(2) Does not reflect cancellations or returns
(3) Earnings is based on the last four quarters

## SELECTED SEGMENT INFORMATION

| March 31, | 2005 |  | 2004 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Dollars in thousands) | Net Sales | Gross Margin (\%) | Net Sales | Gross Margin (\%) |
| PC Connection Sales Corporation (SMB) | \$200,325 | 12.3\% | \$207,424 | 10.9\% |
| GovConnection (Public Sector) | 47,160 | 10.1 | 53,852 | 8.7 |
| MoreDirect (Large Account) | 76,366 | 10.5 | 66,359 | 9.9 |
| Total | \$323,851 | 11.5\% | \$327,635 | $10.4 \%$ |

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

| Three Months Ended March 31, | 2005 |  | 2004 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of <br> Net Sales | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales |
| Net sales | \$323,851 | 100.00\% | \$327,635 | 100.00\% |
| Cost of sales | 286,517 | 88.47 | 293,710 | 89.65 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 37,334 | 11.53 | 33,925 | 10.35 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 35,416 | 10.94 | 30,690 | 9.37 |
| Special charges | - | - | 1,030 | . 31 |
| Income From Operations | 1,918 | . 59 | 2,205 | . 67 |
| Interest expense | (272) | (.08) | (384) | (.11) |


| Other, net |  | (25) | (.01) |  | 47 | . 01 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income tax provision |  | (673) | (.21) |  | (710) | (.22) |
| Net Income | \$ | 948 | .29\% | \$ | 1,158 | . $35 \%$ |


| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic | 25,127 |  | 24,998 |  |
| Diluted |  | 362 |  | 356 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | . 04 | \$ | . 05 |
| Diluted | \$ | . 04 | \$ | . 05 |



## ASSETS

## Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Inventories - merchandise Deferred income taxes Income taxes receivable Prepaid expenses and other current assets

Total current assets
Property and equipment, net
Goodwill, net
Other intangibles, net
Other assets

## Total assets

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

## Current Liabilities:

Current maturities of capital lease
obligations:
To affiliate

| $\$ 6,336$ | $\$ 6,829$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 119,100 | 120,752 |
| 72,511 | 78,390 |
| 2,874 | 3,039 |
| 1,369 | 1,325 |
| 4,439 | 3,644 |
| -------- | ------- |
| 206,629 | 213,979 |
| 16,740 | 17,647 |
| 51,687 | 51,687 |
| 2,952 | 3,040 |
| 223 | 189 |
| --------- | $----=--$ |
| $\$ 278,231$ | $\$ 286,542$ |
| $=========$ | $=========$ |

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| 382 | $\$$ | 373 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 398 | 391 |  |
| 1,423 | 4,810 |  |
| 75,024 | 79,709 |  |
| 16,731 | 18,138 |  |
| 6,921 | 6,921 |  |
| -------- | ------1 |  |
| 100,879 | 110,342 |  |

Capital lease obligation, less current maturities:

To affiliate
To third party
Deferred income taxes
Total liabilities
Stockholders' Equity:
Common stock
Additional paid-in capital
Retained earnings
Treasury stock at cost

Total stockholders' equity

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
Oo

Note payable
Accounts payable
Accrued expenses and other liabilities
Acquisition earn-out obligation

Total current liabilities
100,879 110,342

| 5,616 | 5,715 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 706 | 841 |
| 3,674 | 3,486 |
| 110,875 | 120,384 |
| 255 | 255 |
| 77,341 | 77,091 |
| 92,046 | 91,098 |
| $(2,286)$ | $(2,286)$ |
| 167,356 | 166,158 |
| \$278,231 | \$286,542 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Three months ended March 31, 2005 (Amounts in thousands)
Balance - December 31, 2004

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Three Months Ended March 31, (Amounts in thousands)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

| Net income | \$ 948 | \$ 1,158 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,714 | 1,753 |
| Deferred income taxes | 353 | 1,172 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 878 | 775 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 41 | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 774 | 16,523 |
| Inventories | 5,879 | 10,672 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (839) | (83) |
| Other non-current assets | (34) | 9 |
| Accounts payable | $(4,685)$ | $(19,985)$ |
| Income tax benefits from exercise of stock options | 49 | 84 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | $(1,407)$ | 805 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 3,671 | 12,883 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (773) | (529) |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 13 | - |
| Payment of acquisition earn-out obligation | - | $(10,295)$ |
| Cash escrow distributed for acquisition | - | 5,000 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (760) | $(5,824)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 50,560 | 88,311 |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | $(53,947)$ | $(93,925)$ |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations | (218) | (80) |
| Exercise of stock options | 201 | 56 |
| Net cash used for financing activities | $(3,404)$ | $(5,638)$ |


| equivalents | (493) | 1,421 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 6,829 | 2,977 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | $\$ 6,336$ | $\$, 398$ |

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