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): October 26, 2006
PC Connection, Inc.

| (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Delaware | $0-23827$ |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 683-2000
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
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|_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition
On October 26, 2006, PC Connection, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. 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
(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:
99.1 Press Release issued by PC Connection, Inc. on October 26, 2006.

## 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
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

## Exhibit No.

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Description

Press release issued by PC Connection, Inc. on October 26, 2006.

PC Connection, Inc. Reports Third Quarter Results
Company Continues Record Quarterly Sales; Earnings Per Share Double

MERRIMACK, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 26, 2006--PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC)

THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS:
-- Net sales: $\$ 415$ million, $11.9 \%$ growth year over year
-- Gross profit margin: 12.3\%, up in all business segments
-- Net income: \$4.4 million, $128 \%$ increase year over year
-- Diluted earnings per share: \$.17, compared to \$.08 in Q3 2005
PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC) achieved record quarterly sales and increased earnings per share $112 \%$ year over year in the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006 increased by $\$ 44.1$ million, or $11.9 \%$, to $\$ 415.2$ million from $\$ 371.1$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. Net income for the quarter was $\$ 4.4$ million, or $\$ .17$ per share, compared to $\$ 1.9$ million, or $\$ .08$ per share, for the corresponding prior year quarter. Changes in the Company's income tax filing status in certain states decreased tax expense and increased net income by $\$ 0.3$ million.
"We are pleased with our strong financial results for the third quarter of 2006. PC Connection, Inc. continues to grow through profitable customer acquisition strategies implemented across all of our business segments," said Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PC Connection, Inc. "In addition, gross margins improved in all of our business segments for the third consecutive quarter, and total gross profit dollars increased $21.5 \%$ year over year."

The three-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 included special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. The Company's subsidiary, GovConnection, Inc., has reached a tentative settlement with the Department of Justice on the 2003 GSA audit matter reported previously and has accrued $\$ 1.05$ million in the three-month period ended September 30, 2006 in addition to the $\$ 1.5$ million that had been accrued in prior periods. GovConnection disputed the claims but has agreed to settle the matter without any admission of wrongdoing or fault to avoid the expense and diversion of litigation. GovConnection was awarded a new GSA contract in August 2004.

Had these charges not been incurred, pro forma net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 would have been $\$ 5.0$ million, or $\$ .20$ per share, compared to $\$ 2.5$ million, or $\$ .10$ per share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. A reconciliation between net income on a GAAP basis and pro forma net income is provided in a table immediately following the Consolidated Income Statements.

Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased by $\$ 158.1$ million, or $15.1 \%$, to $\$ 1,203.8$ million from $\$ 1,045.7$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 included revenue generated by former sales representatives of Amherst Technologies who joined the Company after our purchase of Amherst assets in October 2005. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was $\$ 9.2$ million, or $\$ .36$ per share, compared to $\$ 4.4$ million, or $\$ .18$ per share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 included special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been recorded, pro forma net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 would have been $\$ 10.6$ million, or $\$ .42$ per share, compared to $\$ 5.0$ million, or $\$ .20$ per share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Business Segments:
-- Net sales for the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) segment increased by $8.8 \%$ to $\$ 221.3$ million compared to the third quarter of 2005.
-- Net sales to large account customers increased by $41.4 \%$ to $\$ 113.7$ million compared to the third quarter of 2005, due in part to the Amherst transaction referred to above.
-- Net sales to government and education customers (the Company's public sector segment) decreased for the quarter by $8.1 \%$ to $\$ 80.2$ million compared to the third quarter of 2005 , as a result of management's decision to focus on higher margin sales opportunities.

## Product Mix:

-- Notebooks and PDAs continued to be the Company's largest product category, accounting for $17.4 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 compared to $19.4 \%$ for the corresponding period a year ago.
-- Desktop computers and servers accounted for $13.6 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 compared to $13.9 \%$ of net sales for the corresponding period a year ago.
-- Video, Imaging, and Sound accounted for $13.8 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 compared to $11.8 \%$ of net sales for the corresponding period a year ago, representing a 30.8\% year-over-year growth.
-- Net/Com products grew 19.3\% in the third quarter of 2006 to $8.3 \%$ of net sales due to an increase in infrastructure, switching, and routing solutions sales.
-- Sales of accessories and other products increased 16.3\% year over year to $11.1 \%$ of net sales due to higher attachment sales of services and companion products.

Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, increased 100 basis points to $12.3 \%$ in the third quarter of 2006 from $11.3 \%$ in the third quarter of 2005. Gross margin improved in all three business segments due to greater vendor consideration received in the quarter and increased service revenues and software referral fees. Consolidated annualized productivity was largely unchanged in the third quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005 despite the increase in current hires. The total number of sales representatives increased by 93 to 678 as of September 30, 2006 from 585 as of September 30, 2005.

Total selling, general and administrative expenses for the quarter increased year over year by $\$ 5.8$ million, or $15.3 \%$. The year-over-year dollar increase resulted primarily from the additional operating expenses related to the Amherst transaction, increased variable compensation associated with higher gross profit dollars, and incremental operating expenses associated with our new Texas sales office.

Ms. Gallup concluded, "PC Connection's positive third quarter results demonstrate that our talented and experienced team is focused on successfully executing our business strategies and initiatives. We believe our business is well-positioned to continue to grow market share, and we are committed to making the investments and changes we feel are necessary to improve our operating performance and enhance long-term shareholder value."

## About PC Connection, Inc.

PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000 company, owns three sales companies: PC Connection Sales Corporation, MoreDirect, Inc., and GovConnection, Inc., headquartered in Merrimack, NH, Boca Raton, FL, and Rockville, MD, respectively. All three companies can deliver custom-configured computer systems overnight. Investors and media can find more information about PC Connection, Inc. at http://ir.pcconnection.com.

PC Connection Sales Corporation (1-800-800-5555), the original business of PC Connection, Inc. serving the small- and medium-sized business sector (SMB), is a rapid-response provider of information technology (IT) products and solutions. It offers more than 130,000 brand-name products 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.

MoreDirect, Inc. (561-237-3300), 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. MoreDirect's TRAXX(R) system is a seamless end-to-end interface that empowers clients to electronically source, evaluate, compare prices, and track related technology product purchases in real-time.

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.
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"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 the ability of the Company to hire and retain essential personnel, and other risks detailed under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the quarter ended June 30, 2006. More specifically, the statements in this release concerning the Company's outlook for 2006 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. The Company assumes no obligation to update the information in this press release or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of any new information, future events, or otherwise.

CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
At or for the Three Months
Ended September 30,
(Dollars and shares in
thousands, except
operating data,
price/earnings ratio, and
per share data)

| Operating Data: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $\$ 415,213$ | $\$ 371,124$ |  |
| Diluted earnings per |  |  |  |
| share | $\$ 0.17$ | $11.9 \%$ |  |
| Gross profit margin | $12.3 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ |  |
| Operating margin | 1.6 | 1.0 |  |
| Return on equity (1) | 9.8 | 4.6 |  |
| Catalogs distributed | $3,641,000$ | $5,525,000$ | $-34.1 \%$ |
| Orders entered (2) | 381,700 | 350,600 | $8.9 \%$ |
| Average order size (2) | $\$ 1,295$ | $\$ 1,261$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| Inventory turns (1) |  | 22 | 46 |


| Notebooks \& PDAs | \$72,123 | 17.4\% | \$71,958 | 19.4\% | 0.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Desktops/Servers | 56,545 | 13.6 | 51,730 | 13.9 | 9.3 |
| Storage Devices | 34,508 | 8.3 | 32,119 | 8.7 | 7.4 |
| Software | 51,692 | 12.4 | 44,875 | 12.1 | 15.2 |
| Net/Com Products | 34,610 | 8.3 | 29,023 | 7.8 | 19.3 |
| Printers \& Printer Supplies | 43,535 | 10.5 | 40,033 | 10.8 | 8.7 |
| Video, Imaging, \& Sound | 57,250 | 13.8 | 43,753 | 11.8 | 30.8 |
| Memory \& System Enhancements | 19,028 | 4.6 | 18,152 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| Accessories/Other | 45,922 | 11.1 | 39,481 | 10.6 | 16.3 |
|  | \$415, 213 | 100.0\% | \$371,124 | 100.0\% | 11.9\% |

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

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\$ 125,766 & 30.3 \% & \$ 102,502 & 27.6 \% & 22.7 \%
\end{array}
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Stock Performance
Indicators:

| Actual shares <br> outstanding <br> Total book value per <br> share | 25,695 | 25,224 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Tangible book value <br> per share | $\$ 7.16$ | $\$ 6.79$ |
| Closing price | $\$ 4.77$ | $\$ 4.63$ |
| Market capitalization <br> Trailing <br> price/earnings ratio <br> (3) | $\$ 296,777$ | $\$ 5.44$ |

(1) Annualized
(2) Does not reflect cancellations or returns
(3) Earnings is based on the last four quarters
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| (Dollars in thousands) | Net Sales | Gross Margin (\%) | Net Sales | Gross Margin (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PC Connection Sales | \$221, 330 | 13.3\% | \$203,493 | 12.9\% |
| MoreDirect (Large |  |  |  |  |
| Account) | 113,690 | 11.4 | 80,382 | 9.8 |
| GovConnection (Public |  |  |  |  |
| Sector) | 80,193 | 10.8 | 87,249 | 9.2 |
| Total | \$415,213 | 12.3\% | \$371,124 | 11.3\% |

Net sales
Cost of sales
Gross Profit
Selling, general and administrative expenses
Special charges
Income From Operations
Interest expense
Other, net
Income tax provision
Net Income

Weighted average common shares
outstanding:
Basic
Diluted
Earnings per common share:
Basic
Diluted

| \$415, 213 | 100.0\% | \$371, 124 | 100.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 364, 070 | 87.7 | 329, 044 | 88.7 |
| 51,143 | 12.3 | 42,080 | 11.3 |


| 43,291 | 10.4 | 37,531 | 10.1 |
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| 1,050 | 0.3 | 853 | 0.2 |
| 6,802 | 1.6 | 3,696 | 1.0 |


| 6,802 | 1.6 | 3,696 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | 1.0

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS


Weighted average common shares
outstanding:
Basic 25,330
Diluted

Earnings per common share:
Basic
Diluted
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$\$ 0.18$
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| September 30, | Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands) | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| GAAP net income | \$4,388 | \$1,924 | \$9,205 | \$4,436 |
| Special charges (after tax): |  |  |  |  |
| GSA review | 630 | - | 900 | - |
| Management restructuring | - | 554 | 535 | 554 |
|  | 630 | 554 | 1,435 | 554 |
| Pro forma net income | \$5,018 | \$2,478 | \$10,640 | \$4,990 |


| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 30, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands) | 2006 | 2005 |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$11, 819 | \$9,770 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 159,016 | 162,525 |
| Inventories - merchandise | 68,429 | 75,374 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,878 | 3,769 |
| Income taxes receivable | 987 | 1,742 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 3,832 | 4,219 |
| Total current assets | 247,961 | 257,399 |
| Property and equipment, net | 19,541 | 17,700 |
| Goodwill, net | 56,867 | 56,820 |
| Other intangibles, net | 4,630 | 5,427 |
| Other assets | 323 | 359 |
| Total assets | \$329,322 | \$337,705 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:
Current maturities of capital lease obligations:
To affiliate \$452 \$416
To third party $427 \quad 412$

Note payable - bank 7,096 19,975
Accounts payable
99,690 114, 413
Accrued expenses and other liabilities $\begin{array}{rr}26,823 & 21,290\end{array}$
Total current liabilities 134,488 156,506
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities:

To affiliate

| 4,957 | 5,299 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 73 | 396 |
| 5,750 | 4,105 |
| 145,268 | 166,306 |

Stockholders' Equity:

| Common stock | 261 | 256 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Additional paid-in capital | 81,329 | 77,884 |

Additional paid-in capital 81,329 77,884
Retained earnings
104,750 95,545

Treasury stock at cost
Total stockholders' equity
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
$(2,286)$
$(2,286)$ 184,054 171,399
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\$329, 322 \$337,705
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Nine Months Ended September 30, (Amounts in thousands)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:
Net income $\quad \$ 9,205 \quad \$ 4,436$

| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 5,227 | 5,340 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 2,094 | 2,790 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,536 | 40 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 63 | 41 |
| Stock compensation expense | $(1)$ |  |
| Gross excess tax benefit from exercise of |  |  |
| stock options | 1,415 | $(30,679)$ |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | 6,945 | 11,446 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,142 | 50 |
| Inventories | $(14,723)$ | 16,479 |

Income tax benefits from exercise of stock options
Accrued expenses and other liabilities
Net cash provided by operating activities

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:
Purchases of property and equipment
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment Payment of acquisition earn-out obligation

Net cash used for investing activities

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:
Proceeds from short-term borrowings
Repayment of short-term borrowings
Repayment of capital lease obligations
Exercise of stock options
Gross excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities

Increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period

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(614) (600)

2,822 348

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18,980
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| 20 | 13 |
| - | $(6,921)$ |
| $(6,381)$ | $(11,968)$ |

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| $(10,550)$ | 2,672 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2, 049 | 1,292 |
| 9,770 | 6,829 |
| \$11, 819 | \$8, 121 |

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