

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

May 08, 2006

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**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): May 2, 2006  
First Albany Companies Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**New York**

**0-14140**

**22-265580**

(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(518) 447-8500**

**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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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On May 2, 2006, First Albany Companies Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the Company's exit from the corporate bond business. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as exhibit 99.1.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of First Albany Companies Inc. dated May 2, 2006

**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.

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Paul W. Kutey

Name: Paul W. Kutey

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 8, 2006