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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

December 23, 2002 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ITRON, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

| Washington | 000-22418 | 91-1011792 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 2818 North Sullivan Road, Spokane, Washington 99216-1897 | | |
| (Address of principal executive offices | 5) | (Zip Code) |
| (509) 924-9900 | | |
| (Registrant s telephone number, including area code) | | |
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Item 5. Other Events

On December 23, 2002, Itron, Inc. issued a press release announcing that a jury had returned a verdict against Itron in connection with a patent infringement lawsuit. That press release, which includes a set of questions and answers regarding the lawsuit, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued December 23, 2002.

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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.

ITRON, INC.

Dated: December 23, 2002 By /s/ DAVID G. REMINGTON

David G. Remington

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press release issued December 23, 2002.