
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): **December 4, 2009**



P.A.M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-15057
(Commission File Number)

71-0633135
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

297 West Henri De Tonti, Tontitown, Arkansas 72770
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (479) 361-9111

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - 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 8.01 Other Events.

On December 4, 2009, P.A.M. Transportation Services, Inc. issued a news release announcing that it has filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to offer to the public from time to time in one or more offerings shares of its common stock, preferred stock, rights and warrants up to a total aggregate offering amount of \$16,051,511. The securities will be offered at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of any such offering. The registration statement also registers up to 1,572,136 secondary shares of the Company's common stock held by our Chairman and controlling stockholder, Matthew T. Moroun, who may offer the shares for resale to the public from time to time in one or more offerings at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of any such offering. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The registration statement on Form S-3 has not yet been declared effective by the SEC. The securities may not be sold and offers to buy may not be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This Current Report shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) **Exhibits.** The following exhibit is furnished with this Report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News release issued by the Registrant on December 4, 2009

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.

P.A.M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 4, 2009

By: /s/Larry J. Goddard

Larry J. Goddard

Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary
and Treasurer

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**P.A.M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.
ANNOUNCES FILING OF S-3 SHELF REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Tontitown, Arkansas, December 4, 2009.....P.A.M. Transportation Services, Inc. (NASDAQ: PTSI) today announced that it has filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to offer to the public from time to time in one or more offerings shares of its common stock, preferred stock, rights and warrants up to a total aggregate offering amount of \$16,051,511. The securities will be offered at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of any such offering.

In addition, under the shelf registration, if and when declared effective by the SEC, the Chairman and controlling stockholder of the Company, Matthew T. Moroun, may offer for resale to the public from time to time in one or more offerings up to 1,572,136 secondary shares of the Company's common stock owned by him at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of any such offering.

Neither the Company nor Mr. Moroun has any present intention to offer any of the securities.

The registration statement on Form S-3 has not yet been declared effective by the SEC. The securities may not be sold and offers to buy may not be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

P.A.M. Transportation Services, Inc. is a leading truckload dry van carrier transporting general commodities throughout the continental United States, as well as in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The Company also provides transportation services in Mexico through its gateways in Laredo and El Paso, Texas under agreements with Mexican carriers.

Certain information included in this document contains or may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements may relate to expected future financial and operating results or events, and are thus prospective. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, excess capacity in the trucking industry; surplus inventories; recessionary economic cycles and downturns in customers' business cycles; increases or rapid fluctuations in fuel prices, interest rates, fuel taxes, tolls, license and registration fees; the resale value of the Company's used equipment and the price of new equipment; increases in compensation for and difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified drivers and owner-operators; increases in insurance premiums and deductible amounts relating to accident, cargo, workers' compensation, health, and other claims; unanticipated increases in the number or amount of claims for which the Company is self insured; inability of the Company to continue to secure acceptable financing arrangements; seasonal factors such as harsh weather conditions that increase operating costs; competition from trucking, rail, and intermodal competitors including reductions in rates resulting from competitive bidding; the ability to identify acceptable acquisition candidates, consummate acquisitions, and integrate acquired operations; a significant reduction in or termination of the Company's trucking service by a key customer; and other factors, including risk factors, included from time to time in filings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or clarify forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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