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April 02, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): April 1, 2003

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FIRST DATA CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-11073 (Commission File Number)	47-0731996 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
6200 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		80111 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (303) 967-8000

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events.

On April 1, 2003, First Data Corporation ("First Data") and Monaco Subsidiary Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Data ("Sub"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Concord EFS, Inc. ("Concord"), pursuant to which Sub will be merged with and into Concord (the "Merger") and Concord will become a wholly owned subsidiary of First Data. Consummation of the Merger is subject to various conditions, including approval by the stockholders of First Data and Concord and the receipt of all requisite regulatory approvals.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the joint press release of First Data and Concord, dated April 2, 2003, announcing the signing of the Merger Agreement is attached to this report

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as Exhibit 99.1.

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

(a) - (b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

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2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 1, 2003, among First Data Corporation, Monaco Subsidiary Corporation and Concord EFS, Inc.
99.1	Press Release issued by First Data Corporation and Concord EFS, Inc. dated April 2, 2003.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST DATA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stanley J. Andersen

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Name: Stanley J. Andersen  
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: April 2, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following is a list of the exhibits filed herewith.

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