

PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORP

Form 8-K

August 11, 2005

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): August 5, 2005

Penn Treaty American Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-14681

(Commission File Number)

23-1664166

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3440 Lehigh Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 965-2222

Not Applicable

(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:

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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))

Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

On August 5, 2005, Penn Treaty American Corporation, (the Company) dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) and appointed BDO Seidman LLP (BDO) as its independent registered accounting firm. The Audit Committee of the Company approved the dismissal of PwC and the appointment of BDO.

The audit reports of PwC on the financial statements of the Company for the past two fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years and through August 5, 2005, there have been no (1) disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure which disagreement, if not resolved to the satisfaction of PwC, would have caused PwC to make reference in their reports on the financial statements for such year thereto, or (2) reportable events as described under Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K. The Company has provided PwC with a copy of this Form 8-K and requested that PwC furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements.

The Registrant engaged BDO as its new independent accountants as of August 5, 2005. During the two most recent fiscal years and through August 5, 2005, the Registrant has not consulted with BDO regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Registrant's financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to the Registrant or oral advice was provided that BDO concluded was an important factor considered by the Registrant in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

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.

PENN TREATY AMERICAN CORPORATION

August 11, 2005

By: /s/ Mark Cloutier
Mark Cloutier
Chief Financial Officer

