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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

September 30, 2008 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-13533 Maryland _____

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization)

Number)

Identification No.)

8140 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64114

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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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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Item 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 30, 2008, Todd Phillips, the Chief Accounting Officer of NovaStar Financial, Inc. (the "Company"), voluntarily terminated his employment with the Company and resigned as its Chief Accounting Officer. The Company will file a further Form 8-K upon the appointment of a new Chief Accounting Officer by the Company's Board of Directors.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: October 7, 2008 /s/ Rodney E. Schwatken

Rodney E. Schwatken Chief Financial Officer