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Form 8-K December 22, 2004

> 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 20, 2004

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. _____ (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

1-07094 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) of Incorporation) 300 One Jackson Place, 188 East Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201

______ (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including zip code)

(601) 354-3555

(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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- [_] 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 20, 2004, we entered into an amendment to our Shareholder Rights Agreement with our Rights Agent. The amendment changes the Rights Agreement to provide for a review of the Rights Agreement by a committee comprised entirely

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of independent directors at least every three years.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

A list of exhibits is set forth in the Exhibit Index which immediately precedes such Exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

Date: December 21, 2004

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ N. KEITH MCKEY

N. Keith McKey

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Secretary

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 First Amendment to Rights Agreement dated December 20, 2004

between EastGroup Properties, Inc. and Equiserve Trust

Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

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