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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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 3, 2006**

**BANCWEST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-7949**  
(Commission File Number)

**99-0156159**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**999 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**96813**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (808) 525-7000**

**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 communication pursuant to rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On December 2, 2005, in connection with the acquisition of Commercial Federal Corporation, BancWest Corporation obtained short-term debt financing from its parent company, BNP Paribas in the amount of \$845 million. The borrowing had an interest rate of 4.29% and maturity date of January 3, 2006. On January 3, 2006, the short-term debt financing was extended to February 3, 2006, with an interest rate of 4.39%.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 6, 2006

**BANCWEST CORPORATION**

By: /s/ DOUGLAS C. GRIGSBY

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Douglas C. Grigsby

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer