

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The material set forth in the section captioned "Description of the Notes" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-21289), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 1997, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits. Note - Pursuant to Instruction I regarding exhibits to be filed, because this registration statement will register securities on an exchange on which other securities of the registrant are registered, the only exhibits included in this registration statement are copies of all constituent instruments defining the rights of the holders of the securities to be registered.

Form of Indenture. *

Form of Subordinated Note. *

Form of First Supplemental Indenture. *

* Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-21289) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement on Form 8-A to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized, on this 24th day of March 1997.

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Fritz

Jeffrey P. Fritz

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer