## 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: SEPTEMBER 9, 1998 (Date of earliest event reported)

APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

7400 EXCELSIOR BOULEVARD

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426-4517

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(612) 930-9000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

Effective September 8, 1998, Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (the "Company") was delisted from The Nasdaq SmallCap Market. The Company cited the fact that it no longer complied with The Nasdaq Stock Market's continued listing requirements. In addition, the Company announced that it is continuing to pursue additional lines of credit as previously announced. The Company also stated that it is continuing to intensify its focus on appliance retailing. A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit to this filing on Form 8-K

Item 7 (c). Exhibits.

10 Press Release Announces Delisting from The Nasdaq SmallCap Market dated September 4, 1998

## 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.

Dated: September 9, 1998 Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.
Registrant

By: /s/ Kent S. McCoy

Kent S. McCoy

Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 10

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## ARCA ANNOUNCES DELISTING FROM THE NASDAQ SMALLCAP MARKET

SEPTEMBER 4, 1998--MINNEAPOLIS, MN--Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA, Nasdaq SmallCap Market: ARCI) today announced that it has been notified by The Nasdaq Stock Market that it is not in compliance with Nasdaq's requirements for continued listing. The Company today notified Nasdaq of its decision not to attempt to meet these requirements. This decision will result in the delisting of the Company's common stock from trading on The Nasdaq SmallCap Market, effective at the start of trading on September 8, 1998.

Edward R. (Jack) Cameron, president and chief executive officer, commented, "While the Company is continuing to pursue additional lines of credit as previously announced, complying with Nasdaq's requirements for continued listing would have necessitated the issuance of additional shares of common stock at the current price that would have resulted in a significant amount of ownership dilution. We do not feel that such a substantial amount of ownership dilution is an acceptable tradeoff simply to remain listed on The Nasdaq SmallCap Market at this time."

Cameron said the Company is continuing to intensify its focus on appliance retailing following the late July signing of an exclusive contractual arrangement with Whirlpool Corporation. Under the expanded Whirlpool contract, the Company is acquiring Whirlpool's distressed appliances (including "scratch and dent" units with only cosmetic imperfections) from distribution centers serving the Midwest and much of the Western U.S., including the entire West Coast. This arrangement with Whirlpool is expected to provide ARCA's retail outlets with a substantial supply of high-quality appliances that tend to sell quickly at attractive prices.

ARCA, the nation's largest recycler of major household appliances, provides an integrated range of collection, reuse and environmentally sound recycling services.

Statements about the impact of the new Whirlpool Corporation contract are forward-looking and involve risks and uncertainties. If the contract with Whirlpool Corporation does not meet expectations, the Company's revenue and profitability may be materially and adversely affected.

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