## FORM 8-A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C.

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 33-0459135

(State of incorporation or organization)  $\qquad$  (IRS Employer ID No.)

2 Ada Irvine, California 92618

(Address of principal executive offices)

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of debt securities and is effective upon filing pursuant to General Instruction A.(c)(1), please check the following box.  $/\_/$ 

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class which each class is to be to be so registered registered

Participating Equity Notes due April 2004

New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

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