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RIVERSOURCE HIGH YIELD INCOME SERIES, INC.

CIK: **728374** | IRS No.: **411458705** | State of Incorporation: **MN** | Fiscal Year End: **0531**
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This report is signed on behalf of the registrant (or depositor or trustee).

City of: Minneapolis State of: Minnesota Date: January 23, 2009

Name of Registrant, Depositor, or Trustee: RiverSource High Yield Income Series, Inc.

/s/ Jeffrey P. Fox -- Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer

By (Name and Title):

/s/ Wade M. Voigt -- Assistant Treasurer

Witness (Name and Title):

RIVERSOURCE HIGH YIELD INCOME SERIES, INC.

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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that the fund is not currently the subject of, and that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the fund or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the fund. Information regarding certain pending and settled legal proceedings may be found in the Fund's shareholder reports and in the SAI. Additionally, Ameriprise Financial is required to make 10-Q, 10-K and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at www.sec.gov.