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ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 11, 2005 the Company's Board of Directors voted to change the compensatory arrangements for non-employee directors, effective January 1, 2006. The cash portion of a non-employee director's retainer will be \$45,000 per year. Each non-employee director will also receive an \$1,800 board meeting fee and an \$1,800 committee meeting fee. The equity portion of a non-employee director's retainer will consist of whole shares of the Company's common stock with a fair market value equal to \$100,000 on the date of award. The presiding director will receive a \$10,000 annual stipend. Committee chairs will each receive a \$3,000 annual retainer, except the chairs of the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Pension Committee who will receive a \$5,000 annual retainer, chairs of the Compensation and Organization Committee and Risk Committee who will receive a \$7,000 annual retainer and the chair of the Audit and Examining Committee who will receive a \$10,000 annual retainer. The retainer schedule is set forth in Exhibit 10 to this report.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits.

Index to and Description of Exhibits

(c)	Exhibit	Description
	10	Retainer Schedule for Non-Employee Directors.

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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: October 17, 2005

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
(Registrant)

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By: /s/ Thomas J. Mastro

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Name: Thomas J. Mastro

Title: Comptroller