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BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2005

UNITED STATES  
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  
(Date of earliest event reported):  
March 4, 2005

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
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(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-06152  
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(Commission file number)

13-2614959  
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(I.R.S. employer identification number)

One Wall Street, New York, NY  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

10286  
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(Zip code)

212-495-1784  
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(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On March 4, 2005, Alan R. Griffith, Director and Vice Chairman of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (the "Company") announced his plan to retire from the Company in June 2005 and that he will not seek re-election to the Board of Directors in April 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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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: March 10, 2005

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

By: /s/ Alan R. Griffith

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Name: Alan R. Griffith  
Title: Vice Chairman