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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

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

Name: Alan R. Griffith
Title: Vice Chairman