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Form 8-K

March 14, 2005

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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 9, 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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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers;

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Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officer.  
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On March 9, 2005 Robert Pozen, a director of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (the "Company") announced that he would not be standing for re-election to the board of directors of the Company due to the Company's expanding activities in investment management and the potential for future conflicts with his chairmanship of MFS Investment Management.

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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 14, 2005

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

By: /s/ Bruce W. Van Saun  
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Name: Bruce W. Van Saun  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer