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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers;

Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officer.

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

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

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