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EASTERN CO Form 8-K April 26, 2006

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: April 26, 2006

CDate of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 0-599 06-0330020

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770
-----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(203) 729-2255

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Section 7 - Regulation FD.

ITEM 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 26, 2006, The Eastern Company announced a 9% increase in its quarterly dividend payable June 15, 2006 to common stock shareholders of record as of May 19, 2006. A copy of the Press Release dated April 26, 2006 announcing the 9% increase in quarterly dividend is attached hereto.

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Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

ITEM 9.01 - (d) Exhibits

(99) Press Release dated April 26, 2006 announcing a 9% increase in quarterly dividend payable June 15, 2006 to common stock shareholders of record as of May 19, 2006.

SIGNATURES

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.

The Eastern Company

Date: April 26, 2006 By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III

Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer