
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): **July 28, 2005**

POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**District of Columbia and
Virginia**
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-01072
(Commission File Number)

53-0127880
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

701 Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20068
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(202) 872-3526
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On July 28, 2005, the Board of Directors of Potomac Electric Power Company approved an amendment to the Company's By-Laws to provide that effective August 1, 2005, the number of directors will be reduced from six to five. The amended By-Laws are filed herewith as Exhibit 3.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

3 By-Laws

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.

POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Sim
Name: William J. Sim
Title: President and Chief Operating
 Officer

Date: August 1, 2005