

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Form 8-K

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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):

November 2, 2006

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-27038

(Commission
File Number)

94-3156479

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 Wayside Road

Burlington, Massachusetts 01803

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 565-5000**

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 2, 2006, Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company) and Paul Ricci, the Company s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer entered into an employment agreement incorporating the terms previously approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company s Board of Directors and disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on August 16, 2006. A copy of the employment agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on November 2, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Company s Board of Directors approved enhanced term life insurance policies for the Company s executive officers, in addition to the standard life insurance policies offered to all employees, in the amounts of \$1,000,000 for Mr. Ricci and \$500,000 for the other executive officers. The committee also approved enhanced long-term disability and wellness benefits for the Company s executive officers, effective January 1, 2007.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Employment Agreement dated November 2, 2006 by and between Nuance Communications, Inc. and Paul Ricci.
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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.

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: November 8, 2006

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.
James R. Arnold, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

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