Nalco Holding CO Form 8-K November 17, 2008

#### **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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 13, 2008

#### NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-32342 16-1701300 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1601 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

630-305-1000

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## Item 1.01

## Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 13, 2008, the Board of Directors of Nalco Holding Company approved a recommendation from its Compensation Committee to pay the member designated as Lead Director an annual stipend of \$20,000 in addition to other director compensation.

# **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.

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

/s/ Stephen N. Landsman Secretary

Date: November 17, 2008