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August 19, 2004

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

August 19, 2004  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIENA Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-21969	23-2725311
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(410) 865-8500

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

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On August 19, 2004, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing that Michael J. Rowny has been elected to CIENA's board of directors. The text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Exhibits -- The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Report:

Exhibit 99.1 -- Text of Press Release filed under Item 5 by CIENA Corporation, dated August 19, 2004.

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### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

CIENA CORPORATION

Dated: August 19, 2004

By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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