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

September 15, 2004

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

HUBBELL INCORPORATED

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

06-0397030 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

| CONNECTICUT | 1-2958 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) |
| 584 Derby Milford Road, Oran | nge, Connecticut 06477-4024 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) | |
| (203) 799-4100 | |
| (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | |
| N/A | |
| (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.) | |

ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On September 15, 2004, Hubbell Incorporated (the "Company") announced the election of Timothy H. Powers as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Powers is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He will replace the preceding Chairman of the Board, G. J. Ratcliffe, who will remain a Director of the Company.

A copy of the September 15, 2004 press release is attached hereto as an Exhibit 99.1.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS -- Certain of the statements contained in this report and the exhibit attached hereto, including, without limitation, statements as to management's good faith expectations and belief are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made based upon management's expectations and belief concerning future developments and their potential effect upon the Company. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with management's expectations or that the effect of future developments on the Company will be those anticipated by management.

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.

HUBBELL INCORPORATED

/s/ Richard W. Davies By:

Richard W. Davies Name:

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Title:

Date: September 15, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release dated September 15, 2004 pertaining to the election of Timothy H. Powers as Chairman.

(HUBBELL LOGO)

Date: September 15, 2004

mber 15, 2004 NEWS RELEASE

For Release: IMMEDIATELY

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HUBBELL BOARD ELECTS TIMOTHY H. POWERS AS CHAIRMAN

ORANGE, CT. (September 15, 2004) - The Board of Directors of Hubbell Incorporated (NYSE: HUBA, HUBB) today elected Timothy H. Powers as Chairman. Mr. Powers, 56, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Mr. Powers was appointed to his positions as President and Chief Executive Officer and elected a member of the Board of Directors in July of 2001. He joined Hubbell's senior management in 1998 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to his association with Hubbell he held senior positions in finance and business development with ABB, Inc., and BBC Brown Boveri, Inc.

"I welcome the new responsibility in serving as Chairman of the Board," said Mr. Powers. "The Company has made substantial progress over the last three years, in establishing a new era of growth. Working with our Board and more than 10,000 employees throughout Hubbell, our expectations are that the Company will build on its success in the future."

The preceding Chairman of the Board, G. J. Ratcliffe, will remain a Director to continue his more than thirty years of contributions to the Company's success.

Hubbell Incorporated is an international manufacturer of quality electrical and electronic products for commercial, industrial, residential, utility, and telecommunications markets. With 2003 revenues of \$1.8 billion, Hubbell Incorporated operates manufacturing facilities in North America, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Italy, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, participates in a joint venture in Taiwan, and maintains sales offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, People's Republic of China, and the Middle East. The corporate headquarters is located in Orange, CT.

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