

MELLON FINANCIAL CORP
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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) February 23, 2007

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1-06152
(Commission File Number)

13-2614959
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

One Wall Street

New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10286
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 495-1784

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 23, 2007, The Bank of New York Company, Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company"), Mellon Financial Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation ("Mellon"), and The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Newco"), entered into an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Amended and Restated Merger Agreement"), which amends and restates the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 3, 2006. Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Merger Agreement, Mellon and the Company will each merge with and into Newco. The two companies and Newco entered into the Amended and Restated Merger Agreement to change the order of the two mergers, to reflect the complete Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of Newco and to make other technical amendments. Except as indicated above, the terms and provisions of the original merger agreement remain the same.

The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Amended and Restated Merger Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information presented above may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon the Company's current beliefs and expectations and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. The following risks, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements: (1) the businesses of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. and Mellon Financial Corporation may not be integrated successfully or the integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; (2) the combined company may not realize, to the extent or at the time we expect, revenue synergies and cost savings from the transaction; (3) revenues following the transaction may be lower than expected as a result of losses of customers or other reasons; (4) deposit attrition, operating costs, customer loss and business disruption following the transaction, including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, may be greater than expected; and (5) governmental or shareholder approvals of the transaction may not be obtained on the proposed terms or expected timeframe or at all. Additional factors that could cause The Bank of New York Company, Inc.'s and Mellon Financial Corporation's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in The Bank of New York Company, Inc.'s and Mellon Financial Corporation's reports (such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction involving the Company, Mellon and Newco. In connection with the proposed transaction, Newco filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus for the shareholders of the Company and Mellon, and each of the Company and Mellon will be filing other documents regarding the proposed transaction with the SEC as well. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS THE OTHER DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to the Company and Mellon shareholders. Shareholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about the Company and Mellon, without charge, at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the joint proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to The Bank of New York Company, Inc., Investor Relations, One Wall Street, 31st Floor, New York, New York 10286 (212-635-1578), or from Mellon Financial Corporation, Secretary of Mellon Financial Corporation, One Mellon Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258-0001 (800-205-7699).

The respective directors and executive officers of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. and Mellon Financial Corporation and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. and/or Mellon Financial Corporation in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. is set forth in the proxy statement for The Bank of New York Company, Inc.'s annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 24, 2006. Information about the directors and executive officers of Mellon Financial Corporation is set forth in the proxy statement for Mellon Financial Corporation's 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 15, 2006. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC.

Item 9.01 Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

2.1 Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger between The Bank of New York Company, Inc., Mellon Financial Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, dated as of February 23, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Annex A to the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (File No. 333-140863) with the SEC on February 23, 2007)

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.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: February 28, 2007

By: /s/ Bart R. Schwartz
(Signature)
Name: Bart R. Schwartz
Title: Corporate Secretary