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February 04, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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 4, 2005  
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Ciena Corporation  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-21969

23-2725311  
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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD

21090  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(410) 865-8500  
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable  
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(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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 - DEPARTURE OF DIRECTOR

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(b) On February 4, 2005, Ciena Corporation issued a press release announcing the resignation of John R. Dillon from the company's Board of Directors effective as of February 16, 2005. A copy of the press release reporting Mr. Dillon's resignation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 - FINANANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit Number -----	Description of Document -----
Exhibit 99.1	Text of Press Release dated February 4, 2005, issued by Ciena Corporation, reporting the resignation of John R. Dillon.

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

Date: February 4, 2005

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

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Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary