

**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: April 18, 2017
(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-599
(Commission File Number)

06-0330020
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut
(Address of principal executive offices)

06770
(Zip Code)

(203) 729-2255
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

ITEM 5.02 – (e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On April 18, 2017, The Eastern Company (the “Company”) amended the Employment Agreement (the “Agreement”) with August M. Vlak, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, dated as of March 29, 2016, to delete Section 5(h)(v) of Exhibit A to the Agreement. The purpose of this amendment was to remove the occurrence of an event insolvency or the filing of a petition in bankruptcy with respect to the Company from the definition of Constructive Termination. As a result of the Amendment, Mr. Vlak will not be entitled to receive change in control severance benefits solely as the result of the occurrence of such an event.

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 Eastern Company

Date: April 18, 2017

/s/John L. Sullivan III
John L. Sullivan III
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer