

EASTERN CO

Form 8-K

October 22, 2008

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: **October 22, 2008**

(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)

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

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Section 7 Regulation FD.

ITEM 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 22, 2008, The Eastern Company announced a 12.5% increase in its quarterly dividend payable December 15, 2008 to common stock shareholders of record as of November 21, 2008. A copy of the Press Release dated October 22, 2008 announcing the 12.5% increase in quarterly dividend is attached hereto.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

ITEM 9.01 - (d) Exhibits

- (99) Press Release dated October 22, 2008 announcing a 12.5% increase in quarterly dividend payable December 15, 2008 to common stock shareholders of record as of November 21, 2008.

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: October 22, 2008

By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer