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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: July 9, 2008

(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Connecticut</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) <u>0-599</u> (Commission File Number) <u>06-0330020</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

<u>06770</u> (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 5 Corporate Governance and Management
Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.
Mr. Russell G. McMillen, who served as an Emeritus Director of the Company since 1999, passed away on July 7, 2008.
SIGNATURE
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
By /s/Leonard F. Leganza

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 9, 2008