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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

May 12, 2010 (May 10, 2010)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Pitney Bowes Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-3579

(Commission file number)

06-0495050

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

World Headquarters 1 Elmcroft Road Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700

(Address of principal executive offices)

(203) 356-5000

Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

As set forth in Item 5.07 below, the amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Pitney Bowes Inc. (the [Company]) and to the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws to (i) declassify the Board of Directors of the Company and (ii) eliminate the supermajority voting requirements set forth therein were approved by the Company]s stockholders at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on May 10, 2010 at the Company]s World Headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut (the [Annual Meeting]). The Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on May 12, 2010 and became effective as of May 12, 2010.

The description above is qualified in its entirety by the Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the amendment to the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits (3)(a.2) and (3)(b.1) respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 2010. The results of the voting on the matters submitted to the stockholders are as follows:

Proposal 1 ☐ Election of Directors

The following individuals were elected to serve as directors of the Company for three-year terms expiring at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

	Vote For	Vote Against	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Vote
Linda G. Alvarado	146,861,619	4,454,426	305,374	24,529,906
Ernie Green	146,857,203	4,440,447	323,769	24,529,906
John S. McFarlane	147,950,877	3,340,603	329,939	24,529,906
Eduardo R. Menascé	147,185,087	4,108,922	327,410	24,529,906

Proposal 2 ☐ Ratification of Independent Accountants for 2010

The appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company independent registered public accounting firm for 2010 was ratified. The voting results were as follows:

<u>Vote For</u>	<u>Vote Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Vote
173,002,978	2,795,251	353,096	0

 $\textbf{Proposal 3} \; \square \; \text{Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws to provide for the Annual Election of Directors}$

The amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws to phase out the classification of the directors and provide for the annual election of directors was approved. The voting results were as follows:

Vote For	<u>Vote Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Vote
174.763.707	969.231	$\overline{418,387}$	0

Proposal 4 [Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws to eliminate supermajority voting requirements

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The amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws to eliminate supermajority voting requirements, including the 80% supermajority vote requirements necessary to amend specific sections within the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws were approved. The voting results were as follows:

 Vote For
 Vote Against
 Abstain
 Broker Non-Vote

 172,678,507
 2,866,911
 605,907
 0

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

- (3)(a.2) Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation (as amended May 29, 1996)
- (3)(b.1) Amendment to the Pitney Bowes Inc. Amended and Restated By-laws (effective as of May 10, 2010)

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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.

Pitney Bowes Inc.

May 12, 2010

/s/ S.J. Green
S.J. Green
Vice President ☐ Finance and
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)