

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 (Date of earliest event reported):
October 16, 2003

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-02217 (Commission File Number) | 58-0628465 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| One Coca-Cola Plaza Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices) | 30313 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121

Item 5. Other Items

On October 16, 2003, the Board of Directors of The Coca-Cola Company approved an amendment to the Company's By-Laws such that every director will stand for election annually. Previously, the Company had a classified board structure where each director was elected to a three-year term and a third of the Board stood for election each year.

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 COCA-COLA COMPANY
(REGISTRANT)

Date: October 16, 2003

By: /s/ Sharon R.B. Case

Sharon R.B. Case
Vice President