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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 6, 2005

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-14195 (Commission File Number) 65-0723837 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

116 Huntington Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 375-7500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Appointment of Principal Officer.

On July 6, 2005, American Tower Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that Jean A. Bua will be joining the Company as Senior Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller. In this role, Ms. Bua will serve as the Company s principal accounting officer. It is expected that Ms. Bua will commence her new role with the Company effective August 15, 2005.

Ms. Bua, age 46, is joining the Company from Iron Mountain, Inc., a global records management and data protection services company, where she most recently served as Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Worldwide Controller. From 1993 to 1996, Ms. Bua was Corporate Controller for Duracraft Corporation, an international consumer products manufacturer. Prior to joining Duracraft, Ms. Bua was Assistant Controller for Keithley Instruments, a high-tech hardware and software company, from 1991 to 1993. Before that, Ms. Bua was a management consultant for Ernst & Young and an auditor for KPMG. Ms. Bua is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island.

Ms. Bua has no prior business relationship with the Company nor any family relationship with any of the Company s directors or executive officers. Ms. Bua is an at-will employee entitled to employee benefits consistent with those offered to other Company employees of a similar level, including annual base salary, bonus, participation in employee benefit programs, severance and other benefits.

A copy of the Company s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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99 1	Press release, dated July 6, 2005 (Furnished herewith)

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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.

By:

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: July 6, 2005 /s/ Bradley E. Singer

Bradley E. Singer Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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