

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: May 16, 2007

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**NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.**

*(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

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**Maryland**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of*

**001-11290**  
*(Commission File Number)*

**56-1431377**  
*(I.R.S. Employment*

*incorporation or organization)*

**450 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, Florida 32801**

*Identification No.)*

*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

**(407) 265-7348**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

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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. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

G. Nicholas Beckwith III ceased to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of National Retail Properties, Inc. (the Company ) as of May 16, 2007, the date of the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company, so that he may focus his time and attention on other business matters. As a result, the number of directors of the Company has been reduced to seven as of May 16, 2007. The Company anticipates that it will seek to identify at least one qualified individual for consideration to serve as an independent director of the Company. The nomination of a candidate for a new Board position is subject to recommendation by the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board and the appointment of the Board.

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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.

**National Retail Properties, Inc.**

Dated: May 16, 2007

By: /s/ Christopher P. Tessitore  
Christopher P. Tessitore  
Executive Vice President  
General Counsel and Secretary