

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Form 8-K

December 19, 2006

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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 (Date of earliest event reported):

December 15, 2006

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-27038

(Commission
File Number)

94-3156479

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 Wayside Road

Burlington, Massachusetts 01803

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 565-5000**

(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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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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On December 15, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company) approved the grant of restricted stock purchase rights pursuant to the Company s Fiscal 2006 Bonus Plan to the following executive officers: Paul Ricci (36,633 shares), James R. Arnold, Jr. (8,616 shares), Steven Chambers (6,235 shares), Jeanne McCann (11,790 shares) and John Shagoury (6,235 shares). The restricted stock purchase rights were granted pursuant to the Company s standard restricted stock unit purchase agreement and will vest on March 15, 2006, provided the recipient remains employed by the Company on that date.

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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.

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: December 19, 2006

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.
James R. Arnold, Jr.
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer