

CIENA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 02, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 29, 2007  
Ciena Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-21969**

(Commission File Number)

**23-2725311**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**21090**

(Zip Code)

**(410) 865-8500**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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 3.03. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

On December 29, 2007, the Rights Agreement between Ciena Corporation and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (f/k/a BankBoston, N.A.) dated as of December 29, 1997 (as amended, the Rights Agreement ), and the rights thereunder to purchase, under certain circumstances, Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, expired by their terms.

**ITEM 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.**

In connection with the expiration of the Rights Agreement described under Item 3.03 above, Ciena filed a Certificate of Elimination with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on January 2, 2008 to effect the elimination of the Certificate of Designations with respect to the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock. A copy of the Certificate of Elimination is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated in this Item 5.03 by reference.

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**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
Exhibit 4.1	Certificate of Elimination with respect to Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock

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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.

**Ciena Corporation**

Date: January 2, 2008

By: /S/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and  
Secretary