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March 22, 2005

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) March 16, 2005

W. P. Carey & Co. LLC

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-13779

13-3912578

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY

10020

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

212-492-1100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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SECTION 5 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On March 16, 2005, the registrant's Board of Directors unanimously approved the implementation of its succession plan. Effective March 17, 2005, Mr. Wm. Polk Carey stepped down as the Co-Chief Executive Officer of the registrant. Mr. Carey remains Chairman of the Board. Effective March 17, 2005, Mr. Gordon F. DuGan was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of the registrant.

Gordon F. DuGan, age 38, had served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC (together with its predecessors, "W. P. Carey") since 2002 and has been a director of the registrant since 1997. Mr. DuGan joined W. P. Carey as Assistant to the Chairman in 1988 and in 1995 was elevated to Senior Vice President in the Acquisitions Department. From October 1995 until February 1997 he was chief financial officer of a Colorado-based wireless communications equipment manufacturer. Mr. DuGan rejoined W. P. Carey as Deputy Head of Acquisitions in February 1997, and was elected to Executive Vice President and Managing Director in June 1997, and was elevated to President in 1999 and elevated to Co-CEO in 2002. Mr. DuGan serves as director, Vice Chairman and CEO of Corporate Property Associates 12 Incorporated, Corporate Property Associates 14 Incorporated, Corporate Property Associates 15 Incorporated and Corporate Property Associates 16 - Global Incorporated. He serves as Trustee of the W. P. Carey Foundation. He also serves on the Board of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT), the New York Pops and the Hewitt School and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization. Mr. DuGan received his B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. DuGan's employment agreement, previously filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K on March 16, 2005, remains in effect without change.

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.

W. P. CAREY & CO. LLC

By: /s/ John J. Park

John J. Park, Chief Financial
Officer

Date: March 22, 2005