# 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): January 25, 2008

# THE AES CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-12291** Commission File Number 54-1163725 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100 Arlington, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices) **22203** (Zip code)

#### (703) 522-1315

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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#### Not Applicable

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

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

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Mr. Richard Darman, Chairman of the Board and Lead Independent Director of The AES Corporation (the Company ), died on January 25, 2008.

The Company s Alternate Lead Independent Director, Mr. Philip A. Odeen, assumed the responsibilities of Chairman of the Board and Lead Independent Director on January 25, 2008.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

#### THE AES CORPORATION

/s/ Brian A. Miller Brian A. Miller Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 28, 2008

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