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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): November 24, 2014

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36056 94-3156479 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 24, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Nuance Communications, Inc. (the "Company") approved the payment of the following bonuses pursuant to the Company's Fiscal 2014 Bonus Program:

			F1scal 2014	
			Actual	
Name			Bonus	
	Fiscal 2014		Amount	Total Value
	Target		Paid in	of 2014
	Bonus	Achievemen	ntRestricted	Bonus
	Amount(1)	Level	Stock	Earned
			Units(2)	
Paul A. Ricci	\$1,200,000	50%	39,113	\$600,000
Thomas L. Beaudoin	\$ 425,000	50%	13,852	\$212,500
A. Bruce Bowden	\$ 281,250	89%	16,297	\$250,000

⁽¹⁾ The amounts reflected in this column represent the target payout to each Named Executive Officer if his or her bonus had been achieved at 100%.

Bonuses for Fiscal 2014 were paid in Restricted Stock Units, as further detailed in the above table. The number of Restricted Stock Units was determined by multiplying the Fiscal 2014 Target Bonus Amount by the Achievement Level (equal to the Total Value of 2014 Bonus Earned) and divided by the closing price of the Company's

⁽²⁾ common stock on November 26, 2014. The Restricted Stock Units were granted on November 26, 2014 and will vest in full on December 5, 2014.

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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 1, 2014 By: /s/ A. Bruce Bowden

A. Bruce Bowden

Executive Vice President,

Corporate Strategy, Development and Legal