

EASTERN CO  
Form 8-K  
April 25, 2012

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: April 25, 2012  
(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Connecticut<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 0-599<br>(Commission File Number) | 06-0330020<br>(IRS Employer<br>identification No.) |
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|---|---------------------|
| 112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 06770<br>(Zip Code) |
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(203) 729-2255  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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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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Section 2 – Financial Information

ITEM 2.02 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Press Release dated April 25, 2012 announcing the first quarter earnings for 2012 is attached hereto.

Section 7 – Regulation FD

ITEM 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 25, 2012, The Eastern Company released the first quarter earnings of 2012. A copy of the Press Release dated April 25, 2012 announcing the first quarter earnings for 2012 is attached hereto.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

ITEM 9.01 - (d) Exhibits

(99) Press Release dated April 25, 2012 announcing the first quarter earnings for 2012.

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 Eastern Company

Date: April 25,  
2012

By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer