MKS INSTRUMENTS INC Form 8-K August 02, 2006

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):

August 1, 2006

MKS Instruments, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

000-23621

(Commission

File Number)

Massachusetts

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

90 Industrial Way, Wilmington, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

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:

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04-2277512

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

01887

(Zip Code)

978-284-4000

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<u>Top of the Form</u> Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d) Effective on August 1, 2006, the Board of Directors of MKS Instruments, Inc. ("MKS") elected Greg Beecher to its Board of Directors, filling a vacancy thereon. Mr. Beecher, who is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Teradyne, Inc., will serve on MKS' Audit Committee.

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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.

MKS Instruments, Inc.

August 2, 2006

By: /s/ Ronald C. Weigner

Name: Ronald C. Weigner Title: Vice President & CFO