

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW

Form 8-K

December 12, 2005

**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)

December 7, 2005

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

10-18786

94-2723335

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**875 Prospect Street, Suite 301, La Jolla,
California**

92037

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(858) 456-6022

(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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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Election of Director

On December 7, 2005, the Board of Directors of PICO Holdings, Inc. (the Company) unanimously elected Kenneth J. Slepicka as a director of the Company. The election was conducted in accordance with the Company's bylaws and articles of incorporation and upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors' Nominating Committee. Mr. Slepicka was elected to fill the vacancy created by the retirement, effective August 1, 2005, of Robert R. Broadbent. Mr. Slepicka will serve for the remainder of Mr. Broadbent's term and stand for election as a Director at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders in 2007.

Mr. Slepicka has not been appointed to any committee of the Board of Directors, and the committee or committees to which he may be appointed has not been determined. Mr. Slepicka will be compensated in the same manner as the Company's other independent, non-employee directors.

Mr. Slepicka is also a Director of HyperFeed Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company.

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.

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: December 12, 2005

By: /s/ Maxim C. W. Webb

Maxim C. W. Webb
Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer

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