INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP Form 8-K February 06, 2017

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: January 31, 2017

(Date of earliest event reported)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State of Incorporation) **1-2360** (Commission File Number) **13-0871985** (IRS employer Identification No.)

ARMONK, NEW YORK (Address of principal executive offices)

10504 (Zip Code)

914-499-1900

(Registrant s telephone number)

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Item 5.02(e) (Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers).

The following are compensation arrangements for the Company s named executive officers identified in the 2016 Proxy Statement who were employed by the Company during 2016. Further information regarding the structure of compensation programs and awards will be included in the Company s 2017 Proxy Statement.

				2017 Long-Term Incenti						
		2017					Award*			
	2016 Annual					Annual				
	Incentive				Incentive		Performance		Restricted	
		Payout		Salary Rate		Target		Share Units		Stock Units
V. M. Rometty	\$	4,950,000	\$	1,600,000	\$	5,000,000	\$	8,645,000	\$	4,655,000
M. J. Schroeter	\$	1,046,430	\$	874,000	\$	1,181,000	\$	3,575,000	\$	1,925,000
M. D. Rhodin	\$	719,690	\$	675,000	\$	911,000	\$	0	\$	0
B. A. van Kralingen	\$	607,100	\$	745,000	\$	1,005,000	\$	3,250,000	\$	1,750,000
J. E. Kelly III	\$	927,350	\$	852,000	\$	1,148,000	\$	3,575,000	\$	1,925,000

^{*} The Long-Term Incentive Awards will be granted on June 8, 2017. The actual number of units granted on this date will be determined by dividing the values shown above by a predetermined, formulaic planning price for the second quarter 2017. The performance share units will be paid out in February 2020. The restricted stock units will vest 25% per year on each anniversary of the date of grant. Additional information about equity grants is provided in the Company s Proxy Statement.

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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.

Date: February 6, 2017

By: /s/ Christina M. Montgomery Christina M. Montgomery Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

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