

CORNING INC /NY  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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) July 29, 2010**

**CORNING INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-3247**  
(Commission File Number)

**16-0393470**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**One Riverfront Plaza, Corning, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**14831**  
(Zip Code)

**(607) 974-9000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On July 29, 2010, Corning Incorporated announced that Peter F. Volanakis will retire as President and Chief Operating Officer on or before December 31, 2010, following 28 years of distinguished service. Mr. Volanakis will retire from the Board of Directors and the Board's Finance and Executive Committees on December 1, 2010.

As approved by the Board's Compensation Committee on July 30, 2010, Corning will pay Mr. Volanakis \$1,000,000 in December 2010 in recognition of his long service to the Company and for the retention of his services through year end.

Beginning January 1, 2011, Mr. Volanakis will perform consulting duties, under the terms of a transition agreement, a copy of which will be filed as an exhibit to Corning's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2010. For his continued advice and assistance through December 31, 2012, Mr. Volanakis will receive compensation of \$903,000, to be paid in eight quarterly installments of \$112,875 each, beginning March 31, 2011, and be reimbursed for reasonable travel and business expenses incurred at Corning's request. Mr. Volanakis will be entitled to benefits as a retired employee of the Company. The transition agreement requires Mr. Volanakis to adhere to certain confidentiality, non-compete and non-solicitation requirements.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibit

99 Press Release

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CORNING INCORPORATED  
Registrant

Date: July 30, 2010

By /s/ DENISE A. HAUSELT  
Denise A. Hauselt  
Vice President, Secretary & Assistant General Counsel