

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Form 8-K

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**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 2, 2011

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-27038
(Commission
File Number)

94-3156479
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 Wayside Road
Burlington, Massachusetts 01803
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 565-5000**

(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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On December 2, 2011, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company) approved the payment of the following bonuses pursuant to the Company's fiscal 2011 bonus program

Name	Achievement Level	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2011	Total Value of 2011 Bonus Earned
		Target Bonus Amount(1)	Actual Bonus Amount (Cash)	Actual Bonus Paid in Restricted Stock Units	
Paul A. Ricci	100%	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$750,000
Thomas L. Beaudoin	100%	\$337,500		13,408	\$337,500
Steven G. Chambers	100%	\$337,500		13,408	\$337,500
Janet M. Dillione	87%	\$375,000		12,912	\$325,000
Bill Nelson (2)	100%	\$162,000		6,436	\$162,000

- (1) Bonuses for fiscal 2011 were paid out in cash or restricted stock units, as further detailed in the above table. The amounts reflected in this column represent the payout to each Named Executive Officer if their bonus had been achieved at 100%.
- (2) Mr. Nelson's fiscal 2011 target bonus amount was pro-rated based on an initial employment date of April 15, 2011.

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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.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas Beaudoin
Thomas Beaudoin, Chief Financial
Officer