NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC. Form 8-K May 30, 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): May 23, 2006

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of

001-11290 (Commission File Number)

56-1431377 (I.R.S. Employment

Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

450 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(407) 265-7348

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 23, 2006, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of National Retail Properties, Inc. (the Company) approved the accelerated vesting of unvested restricted stock previously granted to certain of the Company s executive officers. As a result of the vesting acceleration, 31,661 restricted shares held by executive officers of the Company, which would otherwise have vested through January 1, 2009, immediately vested. The following chart provides certain information regarding the vested restricted shares held by executive officers.

No. of

Shares

Executive OfficerVestedOriginal Vesting DateCraig Macnab20,000January 1, 2008Kevin B. Habicht5,6611,887 on each of January 1, 2007, 2008 and 2009Julian E. Whitehurst6,000January 1, 2007

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

National Retail Properties, Inc.

Date: May 30, 2006 By: /s/ Kevin B. Habicht

Kevin B. Habicht Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer