

REALTY INCOME CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 28, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**February 25, 2005**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**REALTY INCOME CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-13374**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0580106**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**220 West Crest Street  
Escondido, California 92025-1707**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(760) 741-2111**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 25, 2005, Realty Income Corporation (the Company ) announced that its Board of Directors (the Board ) has amended the Rights Agreement, dated as of June 25, 1998, between the Company and The Bank of New York, by changing the Rights Agreement's expiration date to February 28, 2005. The Board has determined that the Rights Agreement and the preferred share purchase rights that it granted are not in the Company's best interest at this time and therefore has taken this action.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

4.1 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement between Realty Income Corporation and The Bank of New York.

99.1 Press release dated February 25, 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

REALTY INCOME CORPORATION

Date: February 28, 2005

By: /s/ Michael R. Pfeiffer  
Name: Michael R. Pfeiffer  
Title: Executive Vice-President, General Counsel  
and Secretary