

IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 8-K

September 19, 2008

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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): September 16, 2008**

**Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-31918

04-3072298

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

167 Sidney Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

02139

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 679-5500

(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:

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

On September 16, 2008, Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) appointed Sudhir Agrawal, D.Phil., the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific Officer, to the additional position of President of the Company.

Dr. Agrawal, age 54, has served as the Company s Chief Executive Officer since August 2004 and Chief Scientific Officer since January 1993. Dr. Agrawal previously served as the Company s President, from February 2000 to October 2005. Dr. Agrawal has also served as a director of the Company since March 1993.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Date: September 19, 2008

By: /s/ Louis J. Arcudi, III  
Louis J. Arcudi, III  
Chief Financial Officer