CapLease, Inc. Form SC 13G February 13, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.)(1)

CapLease Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON

(Title of Class of Securities)

140288101

(CUSIP Number)

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[_] Rule 13d-1(b)
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)
[_] Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF RE							
		ICATION NO. OF A	BOVE PERSONS		.)		
First Manhattan Co.				13-1957714			
2. CHECK THE	APPROF	PRIATE BOX IF A M	iember of a G	ROUP*	(a) [_]	(b) [X]
3. SEC USE ON							
4. CITIZENSHI	 P OR E	LACE OF ORGANIZA	TION				
		New York					
NUMBER OF	 5.	SOLE VOTING POW	 IER	33	,500		
SHARES							
BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING P	OWER	2,1	.39 , 125		
OWNED BY							
EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIV	E POWER	3	3,500		
REPORTING							
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSIT	IVE POWER	2,2	50 , 250		
9. AGGREGATE .	amount	BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY EACH	REPORTING PERSC	DN 2,28	33 , 750	
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		S REPRESENTED BY			5.14%		
		NG PERSON*					

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No. 140288101 13G Page 3 of 5 Pages Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: CAPLEASE INC. _____ Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1065 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10018 _____ Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: First Manhattan Co. _____ Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence: 437 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022 _____ Item 2(c). Citizenship: U.S.A. _____ Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: COMMON _____ Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 140288101 _____ _____ Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a: (a) [_] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act. [_] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act. (b) (C) [_] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the

Exchange Act.

- (d) [_] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) [_] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) [_] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) [_] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- [_] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) [_] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

2,283,750

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- (b) Percent of class: 5.14%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 33,500
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 2,139,125
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 33,500
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,250,250
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date

hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following []

_____ Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person. Not Applicable _____ _____ 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired Item the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person. Not Applicable _____ Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. Not Applicable _____ Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group. Not Applicable -----_____ _____ _____

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Item 10. Certifications.

(a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b):

"By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect."

(b) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c):

"By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect."

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 8, 2008

(Date)

/s/ Neal K. Stearns

(Signature)

Neal K. Stearns Senior Managing Director

(Name/Title)

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).