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NUVEEN UNIT TRUSTS SERIES 56

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Business Address
JOHN NUVEEN & CO INC
333 W WACKER DR
CHICAGO IL 60606

1933 Act File No. 333-82535

1940 Act File No. 811-08103

Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 1 to

Form S-6

For Registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of Securities of Unit
Investment Trusts Registered on Form N-8B-2

A. Exact name of Trust: Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 56

B. Name of Depositor: John Nuveen & Co. Incorporated

C. Complete address of Depositor's principal executive offices:

333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

D. Name and complete address of agents for service:

John Nuveen & Co. Incorporated
Attention: Alan G. Berkshire
333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Chapman and Cutler
Attention: Eric F. Fess
111 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box)

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- : : immediately upon filing pursuant to paragraph (b)
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- : : on (date) pursuant to paragraph (b)
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- : : 60 days after filing pursuant to paragraph (a)
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- : : on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a) of rule 485 or 486
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: : This post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a
---- previously filed post-effective amendment.

E. Title of securities being registered: Units of fractional undivided
beneficial interest.

F. Approximate date of proposed public offering: July 30, 1999.

: : Check box if it is proposed that this filing will become effective on
---- (date) at (time) pursuant to Rule 487.

The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or
dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant
shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this
Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance
with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration
Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting
pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Preliminary Prospectus Dated July 27, 1999

Subject to Completion

Nuveen Unit Trusts - Series 56

The final Prospectus for a Prior Series is hereby used as part of a
preliminary Prospectus for the above-stated Series. Information with respect to
the actual trust including pricing, the number of Units, dates and summary
information regarding the characteristics of securities to be deposited in this
Series is not now available. Accordingly, the information contained herein
should be considered as being included for informational purposes only.

The information in this prospectus (or Statement of Additional Information)
is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the
registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is
effective. This prospectus (or Statement of Additional Information) is not an
offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these
securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

(Incorporated herein by reference is the final prospectus from Nuveen Unit
Trusts, Series 54 (Registration No. 333-80667) as filed on June 30, 1999, which
shall be used as a preliminary prospectus for Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 56.)

Contents of Registration Statement

A. Bonding Arrangements of Depositor:

The Depositor has obtained the following Stockbrokers Blanket Bonds for its officers, directors and employees:

Insurer/Policy No.	Amount
Reliance Insurance Company B 262 6895	\$26,000,000

B. This Amendment to the Registration Statement comprises the following papers and documents:

The facing sheet

The Prospectus

The signatures

Consents of Counsel

The following exhibits:

- 1.1(a) Copy of Standard Terms and Conditions of Trust for Nuveen Unit Trust, Series 4 and certain subsequent series, effective May 29, 1997 between John Nuveen & Co. Incorporated, Depositor and The Chase Manhattan Bank, Trustee and Evaluator (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 (File No. 333-25225) filed on behalf of Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 4).
- 1.1(b) Trust Indenture and Agreement (to be supplied by amendment).
- 1.2* Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of John Nuveen & Co, Incorporated, Depositor.
- 1.3** Copy of amendment of Certificate of Incorporation changing name of Depositor to John Nuveen & Co. Incorporated.
- 2.1 Copy of Certificate of Ownership (Included in Exhibit 1.1(a), and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.1 Opinion of counsel as to legality of securities being registered (to be supplied by amendment).

/*/ Incorporated by reference to Form N-8B-2 (File No. 811-1547) filed on behalf of Nuveen Tax-Free Unit Trust, Series 16.

/**/ Incorporated by reference to Form N-8B-2 (File No. 811-2198) on behalf

- 3.2 Opinion of counsel as registered (to be supplied by amendment).
- 3.3 Opinion of counsel as to New York income tax status of securities being registered (to be supplied by amendment).
- 3.4 Opinion of counsel as to advancement of funds by Trustees (to be supplied by amendment).
- 4.2 Consent of The Chase Manhattan Bank (to be supplied by amendment).
- 4.4 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP (to be supplied by amendment).
- 6.1 List of Directors and Officers of Depositor and other related information (incorporated by reference to Exhibit E to Form N-8B-2 (File No. 811-08103) filed on March 20, 1997 on behalf of Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 1 and subsequent Series).

C. Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement may contain multiple separate prospectuses. Each prospectus will relate to an individual unit investment trust and will consist of a Part A, a Part B and an Information Supplement.

D. Undertakings

(1) The Information Supplement to the Trust will not include third party financial information.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant, Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 56 has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois on the 27th day of July, 1999.

NUVEEN UNIT TRUSTS, SERIES 56
(Registrant)

By JOHN NUVEEN & CO. INCORPORATED

By /s/ Thomas C. Muntz

Vice President

Attest /s/ Karen L. Healy

Assistant Secretary

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated:

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Signature -----	Title* -----	Date ----
<S> Timothy R. Schwertfeger	<C> Chairman, Board of Directors Chief Executive Officer and Director	<C>)))) /s/ Larry W. Martin
John P. Amboian	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President) -----) Larry W. Martin) Attorney-in-Fact**
Margaret E. Wilson	Vice President and Controller)) July 27, 1999)

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* The titles of the persons named herein represent their capacity in and relationship to John Nuveen & Co. Incorporated, the Depositor.

**The powers of attorney for Messrs. Amboian and Schwertfeger were filed as Exhibit 6 to Form N-8B-2 (File No. 811-08103) and for Ms. Wilson as Exhibit 6.2 to Nuveen Unit Trusts, Series 12 (File No. 333-49197).

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Consent of Independent Public Accountants

The consent of Arthur Andersen LLP to the use of its report and to the reference to such firm in the Prospectus included in this Registration Statement will be filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration Statement.

Consent of Chapman and Cutler

The consent of Chapman and Cutler to the use of its name in the Prospectus included in the Amendment to the Registration Statement will be contained in its opinions to be filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 to the Registration Statement.

Consent of The Chase Manhattan Bank

The consent of The Chase Manhattan Bank to the use of its name in the Prospectus included in the Amendment to the Registration Statement will be filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement.

Consent of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn

The consent of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn to the use of its name in the Prospectus included in the Amendment to the Registration Statement will be filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Registration Statement.