

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

Form 8-K

January 14, 2008

**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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**January 10, 2008**

**GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Iowa**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**333-121321**

(Commission file number)

**84-1652107**

(IRS employer identification no.)

**105 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 103, Omaha, Nebraska**

**68131**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**(402) 884-8700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

S Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

S Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The previously-announced merger between Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ and AMEX: GPRE) and Great Lakes Cooperative is being submitted to the voting members of Great Lakes Cooperative for approval. The related registration statement was declared effective on January 4, 2008, and the prospectus/proxy statement was mailed to voting members on January 11, 2008. Voting members have until February 4, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. to submit their ballots.

Three information meetings have been scheduled to provide Great Lakes Cooperative voting members with additional information about Green Plains and the terms of the merger. Great Lakes board members and management, along with representatives from Green Plains, will be available to answer questions at these meetings. The schedule for the information meetings is as follows:

| <u>Location</u>   | <u>Date and Time</u>          |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Clay County Regional Events Center<br>800 West 18th Street<br>Spencer, Iowa 51301 | January 22, 2008<br>7:00 p.m. |
| Community Center City Hall<br>806 N Avenue<br>Milford, Iowa 51351                 | January 23, 2008<br>9:00 a.m. |
| VFW Hall<br>314 South 1st Street<br>Estherville, Iowa 51334                       | January 23, 2008<br>7:00 p.m. |

The votes will be tallied at a Special Meeting of Great Lakes Cooperative on February 4, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. If approved by Great Lakes Cooperatives voting members, the closing of the merger is subject to certain additional conditions and contingencies.

The press release announcing the schedule of information meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The cover letter to the prospectus/proxy statement mailed to voting members of Great Lakes Cooperative is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

| <b><u>Number</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>   |
|----------------------|---|
| 99.1                 | Press Release, dated January 14, 2008   |
| 99.2                 | Cover Letter to Great Lakes Cooperative voting members dated January 10, 2008 |

**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.**

By: /s/ Wayne B. Hoovestol

Wayne B. Hoovestol

Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 14, 2008