

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC CO INC  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 2012

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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: **September 13, 2012**

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| Exact Name of Registrant<br>as Specified in Its Charter                       | Commission<br>File Number | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No. |
| <b>Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.<br/>Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.</b> | <b>1-8503<br/>1-4955</b>  | <b>99-0208097<br/>99-0040500</b>      |

**State of Hawaii**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2900, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI)**

**900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO)**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(808) 543-5662 - HEI**

**(808) 543-7771 - HECO**

**None**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

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**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On September 13, 2012, HECO entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (the Note Agreement) with the purchasers shown as signatories to the agreement included as Exhibit 4 to this report. Pursuant to the Note Agreement, HECO issued, through a private placement, its 4.53% Senior Notes, Series 2012F (to mature September 1, 2032), in the principal amount of \$40 million (the Notes). The Notes are unsecured and interest payable on the Notes is taxable. All proceeds of the Notes will be applied, together with additional funds provided by HECO to redeem the \$40 million aggregate principal amount 5.10% Series 2002A (year of maturity 2032) special purpose revenue bonds issued by the Department of Budget and Finance of the State of Hawaii (the Series 2002A Bonds) for the benefit of HECO. The Series 2002A Bonds have been called for redemption on September 19, 2012.

The Note Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, and events of default (the occurrence of which may result in the Notes then outstanding becoming immediately due and payable). The Note Agreement also includes provisions requiring the maintenance by HECO and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Maui Electric Company, Limited and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., of certain financial ratios consistent with those in HECO's existing note agreements dated April 19, 2012. The provisions regarding the maintenance of these financial ratios are generally consistent with those in HECO's existing unsecured revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of May 7, 2010, as amended, with the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as issuing bank and administrative agent.

All of the Notes issued by HECO under the Note Agreement may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time at the prepayment price of the principal amount of the Notes plus payment of a Make-Whole Amount. The Note Agreement also (a) requires HECO to offer to prepay the Notes (without a Make-Whole Amount) in the event that HEI ceases to own 100% of the common stock or other securities of HECO that is ordinarily entitled, in the absence of contingencies, to vote in the election of HECO directors unless, at the time of such cessation of ownership and at all times during the period of 90 consecutive days thereafter, the long-term unsecured, unenhanced debt of HECO maintains an investment grade rating by at least one rating agency or, if more than one rating agency rates such indebtedness, then by each such rating agency, and (b) permits HECO to offer to prepay Notes (without a Make-Whole amount) in the event of a sale of assets that would otherwise constitute a covenant default.

The foregoing is a brief summary of only certain of the terms and conditions of the Note Agreement and does not purport to be a complete discussion of their terms. Accordingly, the foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Note Agreement filed as Exhibit 4 to this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

