

LIME ENERGY CO.
Form 8-K
August 22, 2012

**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 earliest event reported): **August 16, 2012**

LIME ENERGY CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-16265

(Commission File #)

36-4197337

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

16810 Kenton Drive, Suite 240, Huntersville North Carolina 28078

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(704) 892-4442

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

(a) On August 21, 2012, Lime Energy Co. (the Company) announced that the filing of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 (the Form 10-Q) will be delayed because of its previously disclosed internal investigation of its recording of certain revenue and its related accounting review. Because of the delayed filing of the Form 10-Q with the SEC, the Company received a letter from The NASDAQ OMX Group (NASDAQ) indicating that the Company is not in compliance with the filing requirements for continued listing under NASDAQ Listing Rule 5250(c).

The NASDAQ letter notes that the Company is required to submit a plan to regain compliance with NASDAQ's filing requirements for continued listing within 60 calendar days of the date of the NASDAQ notification letter. Upon acceptance of the Company's compliance plan, NASDAQ is permitted to grant an extension of up to 180 days from the Form 10-Q's filing due date for the Company to regain compliance with NASDAQ's filing requirements for continued listing.

The Company continues to work diligently to complete the accounting review and if necessary will submit a plan to regain compliance with NASDAQ's filing requirements within the 60 day deadline. The Company expects to file the Form 10-Q upon completion of its accounting review and the restatement of its previously issued financial statements expected to result from that review. However, the Company cannot currently estimate the filing date of the Form 10-Q.

The Company issued a press release on August 21, 2012, disclosing the receipt of the NASDAQ notification letter, a copy of which is attached as exhibit 99.1 and furnished herewith.

This current report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which may be beyond our control. We caution you that the forward-looking information presented in this current report is not a guarantee of future events, and that actual events and results may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking information contained in this current report. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, plan, will, expect, intend, estimate, anticipate, believe or continue or the negative thereof or variations thereon or terminology. A number of important factors could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those contained in or implied by the forward-looking statements, including how promptly we are able to complete our accounting review and the results of that review, as well as those factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 16, 2012 with the SEC, which can be found at the SEC's website www.sec.gov, each of which is specifically incorporated into this current report. Any forward-looking information presented herein is made only as of the date of this current report, and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information to reflect changes in assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or otherwise.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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Press Release dated August 21, 2012

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LIME ENERGY CO.:

Dated: August 22, 2012

By:

/s/ Jeffrey Mistarz
Jeffrey Mistarz
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer