

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC CO INC
Form 8-K
March 07, 2011

**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: **March 4, 2011**

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

State of Hawaii

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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(808) 543-5662 - Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI)

(808) 543-7771 - Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO)

None

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

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - 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))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Collective bargaining agreement. As of February 28, 2011, approximately 55% of the electric utilities' employees were members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 1260, Unit 8, which is the only union representing employees of the electric utilities. The collective bargaining agreement between the union and the electric utilities expired on October 31, 2010, but had been extended through January 31, 2011 while negotiations for a new agreement continued. A tentative new agreement was reached with the union on January 31, 2011, but the agreement was conditioned on ratification by the union's members and the union's members did not ratify the new agreement. On March 4, 2011 the union declared a strike on HECO and its subsidiaries. Non-union employees are operating HECO and its subsidiaries' electric systems during the union's work stoppage and have plans in place to address various contingencies as they arise. Management cannot predict when the work stoppage will end, or when a new agreement will be reached.

HEI and HECO intend to continue to use HEI's website, www.hei.com, as a means of disclosing additional information. Such disclosures will be included on HEI's website in the Investor Relations section. Accordingly, investors should routinely monitor such portions of HEI's website, in addition to following HEI's, HECO's and American Savings Bank, F.S.B.'s (ASB's) press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts. Investors may also wish to refer to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii (PUC) website at dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms in order to review documents filed with and issued by the PUC.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. The signature of the undersigned companies shall be deemed to relate only to matters having reference to such companies and any subsidiaries thereof.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ James A. Ajello
James A. Ajello
Senior Financial Vice President, Treasurer, and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer of HEI)
Date: March 4, 2011

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ Tayne S. Y. Sekimura
Tayne S. Y. Sekimura
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer of HECO)
Date: March 4, 2011