

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.
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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 (Date of earliest event reported)

May 4, 2011

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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333-121321
(Commission file number)

84-1652107
(IRS employer identification no.)

9420 Underwood Ave., Suite 100, Omaha, Nebraska
(Address of principal executive offices)

68114
(Zip code)

(402) 884-8700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On May 9, 2011, Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (the Company) filed with the Secretary of State of Iowa Articles of Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000. The Amendment was effective upon filing. A copy of the Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation is included as Exhibit 3.1.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

All matters voted upon at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) on May 4, 2011 were approved and the number of shares cast for, against or withheld are as follows:

- Proposal to elect three directors to serve three-year terms that expire at the 2014 annual meeting.

| Nominee | For | Withheld |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Jim Anderson | 27,454,207 | 5,216,462 |
| Wayne Hoovestol | 26,719,368 | 5,951,301 |
| Michael McNicholas | 27,728,509 | 4,942,160 |

- Proposal to approve an amendment to the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan increasing the aggregate number of shares that may be issued as stock-based awards.

| For | 00,000,000 Against | 00,000,000 Abstain |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 23,976,862 | 4,041,464 | 4,652,343 |

- Proposal to approve an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation increasing the number of shares authorized for issuance.

| For | 00,000,000 Against | 00,000,000 Abstain |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 31,912,930 | 724,950 | 32,789 |

- Proposal to cast an advisory vote on the Company's executive compensation.

| For | 00,000,000 Against | 00,000,000 Abstain |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 27,761,184 | 240,649 | 4,668,836 |

- Proposal to cast an advisory vote on the frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation.

| 1 Year | 00,000,000 2 Years | 00,000,000 3 Years | 00,000,000 Abstain |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4,251,843 | 48,177 | 23,680,304 | 4,690,345 |

No other matters were voted upon at this Annual Meeting.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
|---------------------------|---|
| 3.1 | Articles of Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. |

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.

Date: May 9, 2011

By: /s/ Jerry L. Peters
Jerry L. Peters
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)