

BUEHLER ALEXANDER J

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUEHLER ALEXANDER J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ENERGY RECOVERY,
 INC., 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE**

(Street)

SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol

Energy Recovery, Inc. [ERII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)

03/19/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46	03/19/2012	A	53,097					(1)	02/15/2022	Common stock	53,097

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUEHLER ALEXANDER J C/O ENERGY RECOVERY, INC. 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577			CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Denise A. Winn, attorney-in-fact for Alexander J.
Buehler

03/21/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Vests on February 16, 2013, subject to continued employment. These option shares as initially granted would have vested based on a
(1) financial performance measure and were described in a footnote in a Form 4 previously filed for 159,292 related options with time vesting. Such vesting was amended on the transaction date to become time vesting in lieu of the performance measure.

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