

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC CO INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

**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: December 22, 2008**

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

**State of Hawaii**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(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.)

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:

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 22, 2008, HECO issued a news release, Hawaiian Electric Company Names New President & CEO. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99 News release dated December 22, 2008

**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/ Curtis Y. Harada  
Curtis Y. Harada  
Controller and Acting Financial Vice President, Treasurer,

and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer of HEI)  
Date: December 23, 2008

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Tayne S. Y. Sekimura  
Tayne S. Y. Sekimura  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration

(Principal Financial Officer of HECO)  
Date: December 23, 2008