

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC CO INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 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 Report: **December 20, 2012**

<b>Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter</b>	<b>Commission File Number</b>	<b>I.R.S. Employer Identification No.</b>
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)

**1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2900, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI)**

**900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO)**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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(808) 543-5662 - HEI

(808) 543-7771 - 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)
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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 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities**

Pursuant to plans previously disclosed, on December 20, 2012, HEI made an equity contribution to HECO, its wholly-owned subsidiary, in order for HECO to maintain a balanced capital structure. HECO's proceeds from its sale of common stock to HEI will be used to pay down short-term debt, the proceeds of which were used to pay for capital expenditures.

To effect the equity contribution, HECO issued 431,541 shares of its common stock to HEI for an aggregate amount of \$44 million. The issuance was made in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

**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/ David M. Kostecki  
David M. Kostecki  
Vice President-Finance, Controller  
and Chief Accounting Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer of HEI)  
Date: December 20, 2012

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: December 20, 2012