

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)

October 1, 2007

PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-21467

41-2170618

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2060, Sacramento, CA

(Address of principal executive offices)

95814

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(916) 403-2123

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) On October 1, 2007, Robert P. Thomas resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. effective immediately.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

- (c) Exhibits.

None.

SIGNATURE

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.

PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

Date: October 4, 2007

By: /S/ CHRISTOPHER W. WRIGHT

Christopher W. Wright
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary