

DYNEGY INC.
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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)

August 22, 2014

DYNEGY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-33443
(Commission File Number)

20-5653152
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

601 Travis, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

(713) 507-6400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N.A.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Item 7.01

Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 22, 2014, Dynegy Inc. (Dynegy) issued a press release announcing that Dynegy s wholly-owned subsidiaries have signed two separate definitive sets of agreements to acquire the ownership interests in certain Midwest assets from Duke Energy and in EquiPower Resources Corp. and Brayton Point Holdings, LLC from Energy Capital Partners. Dynegy also provided estimated full year 2015 guidance in the press release.

Dynegy s management will discuss these acquisitions and proforma guidance during an investor conference call and webcast today at 8:30 a.m. ET/7:30 a.m. CT. Participants may access the webcast and the related presentation materials in the Investor Relations section of www.dynegy.com. For persons unable to listen to the live webcast, the call will be archived and available for replay on Dynegy s website.

Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K and Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) Release No. 33-8176, the information contained in the press release furnished as an exhibit hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. In addition, the press release contains statements intended as forward-looking statements which are subject to the cautionary statements about forward-looking statements set forth in such press release.

Non-GAAP Financial Information

In analyzing and planning for Dynegy s business, management supplements Dynegy s use of GAAP financial measures with non-GAAP financial measures, including EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Free Cash Flow. These non-GAAP financial measures reflect an additional way of viewing aspects of Dynegy s business that, when viewed with its GAAP results and the accompanying reconciliations to corresponding GAAP financial measures, may provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting its business. In this Form 8-K, Dynegy discusses such non-GAAP financial measures included in the press release, including definitions of such non-GAAP financial information, identification of the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures and the reasons why management believes these measures provide useful information regarding Dynegy s financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, as applicable, and, to the extent material, the additional purposes, if any, for which these measures are used. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, to the extent available without unreasonable effort, are contained in the schedules attached to the press release.

EBITDA Measures.

EBITDA is defined as earnings (loss) before interest expense, income tax expense (benefit) and depreciation and amortization expense.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA adjusted to exclude (i) gains or losses on the sale of certain assets, (ii) the impacts of mark-to-market changes on derivatives related to Dynegy s generation portfolio, as well as interest rate swaps and warrants, (iii) the impact of impairment charges and certain other costs such as those associated with the acquisition of New Ameren Energy Resources, LLC (AER), (iv) income or expense on up-front premiums received or paid for financial options in periods other than the strike periods and (v) income or losses attributable to noncontrolling interest.

Management believes EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide meaningful representations of Dynegy's operating performance. Management considers EBITDA as another way to measure financial performance on an ongoing basis. Adjusted EBITDA is meant to reflect the operating performance of Dynegy's entire power generation fleet for the period presented; consequently, it excludes the impact of mark-to-market accounting, impairment charges, gains and losses on sales of assets, and other items that could be considered non-operating or non-core in nature. Because EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are financial measures that management uses to allocate resources, determine Dynegy's ability to fund capital expenditures, assess performance against Dynegy's peers and evaluate overall financial performance, management believes they provide useful information for Dynegy's investors. In addition, many analysts, fund managers, and other stakeholders that communicate with Dynegy typically request its financial results in an EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA format.

As prescribed by the SEC, when EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA is discussed in reference to performance on a consolidated basis, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is Net income (loss). Management does not analyze interest expense and income taxes on a segment level; therefore, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA when performance is discussed on a segment level is Operating income (loss).

Cash Flow Measure.

Dynegy's non-GAAP Cash Flow measure may not be representative of the amount of residual cash flow that is available to Dynegy for discretionary expenditures, since it may not include deductions for mandatory debt service requirements and other non-discretionary expenditures. Management believes, however, that Dynegy's non-GAAP Cash Flow measure is useful because it measures the cash generating ability of Dynegy's operating asset-based energy business relative to its capital expenditure obligations and financial performance.

Free Cash Flow is defined as cash flow from operations less maintenance and environmental capital expenditures, the cash impact of the AER acquisition and debt refinance costs plus the return of restricted cash. Free Cash Flow also includes receipts or payments related to interest rate swaps and excludes the impact of changes in collateral. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to such measure is cash flow from operations.

Management believes that the historical non-GAAP measures and forward-looking non-GAAP measures disclosed in Dynegy's filings are only useful as an additional tool to help management and investors make informed decisions about Dynegy's financial and operating performance. Further there can be no assurance that the assumptions made in preparing forward-looking non-GAAP numbers will prove accurate, and actual results may be materially less or greater than those contained in the forward-looking non-GAAP numbers. By definition, non-GAAP measures do not give a full understanding of Dynegy; therefore, to be truly valuable, they must be used in conjunction with the comparable GAAP measures. In addition, non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized; therefore, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names. Dynegy strongly encourages investors to review its consolidated financial statements and publicly filed reports in their entirety and not rely on any single financial measure.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit No. | Document |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated August 22, 2014 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DYNEGY INC.
(Registrant)

Dated: August 22, 2014

By: /s/ Catherine B. Callaway
Name: Catherine B. Callaway
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer
and General Counsel

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