HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC CO INC Form 8-K March 14, 2011

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: March 11, 2011

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

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.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Collective bargaining agreement. As of February 28, 2011, approximately 55% of the electric utilities employees were members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 1260, Unit 8, which is the only union representing employees of the electric utilities. On March 4, 2011, with the collective bargaining agreement expired, the union declared a strike on HECO and its subsidiaries. On March 11, 2011, the union s members ratified a new collective bargaining agreement and a new benefit agreement with the electric utilities. The new collective bargaining agreement covers a term from January 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013 and provides for non-compounded wage increases (1.75%, 2.5%, and 3.0% for calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively). The new benefit agreement covers a term from January 1, 2011 to October 31, 2014 and includes changes to medical, dental and vision plans and increased employee contributions and changes to retirement benefits for employees commencing employment on or after May 1, 2011. The union s work stoppage ended on March 11, 2011.

HEI and HECO intend to continue to use HEI s website, www.hei.com, as a means of disclosing additional information. Such disclosures will be included on HEI s website in the Investor Relations section. Accordingly, investors should routinely monitor such portions of HEI s website, in addition to following HEI s, HECO s and American Savings Bank, F.S.B. s press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts. Investors may also wish to refer to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii (PUC) website at dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms in order to review documents filed with and issued by the PUC.

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)

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ David M. Kostecki
David M. Kostecki
Vice President-Finance, Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer of HEI)
Date: March 11, 2011

/s/ Tayne S. Y. Sekimura
Tayne S. Y. Sekimura
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer of HECO)
Date: March 11, 2011