

MERCURY GENERAL CORP
Form 8-K
October 19, 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 (Date of earliest event reported): October 17, 2011

MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-12257
(Commission

File Number)

95-221-1612
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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4484 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90010

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(323) 937-1060

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(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 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

On October 17, 2011, Mercury General Corporation (the Company) was notified by Nathan Bessin, 85, of his intention to retire from the Board of Directors of the Company for medical and age-related reasons effective at the end of 2011. Mr. Bessin has been a director of the Company since 1991 and currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Mr. Bessin for his more than 20 years of Board and Committee service on behalf of the Company. Mr. Bessin had no disagreements with the Company, its Board of Directors or its management in any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: October 19, 2011

MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ THEODORE STALICK
Name: Theodore Stalick
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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