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 21, 2011

Energy Recovery, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

<u>001-34112</u> (Commission File Number) 01-0616867 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1717 Doolittle Dr. San Leandro, CA 94577 (Address if Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

<u>510-483-7370</u> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A(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.

On October 21, 2011, Carolyn Bostick resigned her position as Vice President and General Counsel of Energy Recovery, Inc. Concurrently, as part of ongoing cost reduction efforts, the company has made a decision to eliminate the position of general counsel and outsource a large component of its legal function. The company offered a release agreement to Ms. Bostick which, among other terms, provides for payment to her of an amount equal to twelve (12) months of her existing base salary (\$240,000). Ms. Bostick's last day with the company will be November 4, 2011.

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.

ENERGY RECOVERY, INC. (Registrant)

10/27/2011 Date:

/s/ Alexander J. Buehler Alexander J. Buehler (Chief Financial Officer)