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): February 24, 2012

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

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34112 (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)

510-483-7370 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

General Instruction A.2. below):
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
□ 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 February 24, 2012, ERI announced internally that Tim Dyer, who has served as chief technology officer and was a named executive officer in last year's proxy statement, is transitioning out of the chief technology role and into a critical position working on ceramics engineering issues as part of the manufacturing team. Dr. Prem Krish is assuming the position of chief technology officer.

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)

Date: February 28, 2012 /s/ Alexander J. Buehler

Alexander J. Buehler (Chief Financial Officer)