
**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): **May 11, 2009**

CALPINE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12079
(Commission
File Number)

77-0212977
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

717 Texas Avenue, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002
(Addresses of principal executive offices and zip codes)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 830-8775**

Not applicable
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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On May 11, 2009, Calpine Corporation (the “Company”) announced that its indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, Calpine Construction Finance Company, L.P. and CCFC Finance Corp., intend to offer \$800 million of Senior Secured Notes due 2016 in a private placement. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 — FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) *Exhibits*

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Calpine Corporation Press Release dated May 11, 2009.*

* Furnished herewith

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.

CALPINE CORPORATION

By: /s/ JIM D. DEIDIKER

Jim D. Deidiker
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

Date: May 11, 2009

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**CALPINE CORPORATION ANNOUNCES SENIOR
SECURED NOTES OFFERING BY SUBSIDIARIES**

(HOUSTON, Texas) May 11, 2009-- Calpine Corporation (NYSE:CPN) today announced that its indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, Calpine Construction Finance Company, L.P. ("CCFC") and CCFC Finance Corp., intend to offer \$800 million of Senior Secured Notes due 2016 in a private placement. The net proceeds from the offering of the notes and cash on hand will be used to repay CCFC's existing credit facility and redeem CCFC's outstanding second lien notes. Concurrently with the consummation of the offering, CCFC Preferred Holdings, LLC, the indirect parent of CCFC, intends to redeem its outstanding redeemable preferred shares.

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States without registration under the Act or pursuant to an applicable exemption from such registration.

About Calpine

Calpine Corporation is helping meet the needs of an economy that demands more and cleaner sources of electricity. Founded in 1984, Calpine is a major U.S. power company, currently capable of delivering over 24,000 megawatts of clean, cost-effective, reliable and fuel-efficient electricity to customers and communities in 16 states in the United States and Canada. Calpine owns, leases, and operates low-carbon, natural gas-fired, and renewable geothermal power plants. Using advanced technologies, Calpine generates electricity in a reliable and environmentally responsible manner for the customers and communities it serves.

Forward-Looking Information

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Words such as "believe," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "may," "will" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Such statements include, among others, those concerning expected financial performance and strategic and operational plans, as well as assumptions, expectations, predictions, intentions or beliefs about future events. You are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that a number of risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Please see the risks identified in this release or in Calpine's reports and registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, the risk factors identified in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. These filings are available by visiting the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at www.sec.gov or Calpine's web site at www.calpine.com. Actual results or developments may differ materially from the expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements, and Calpine undertakes no obligation to update any such statements.

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