

SEMPRA ENERGY
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October 10, 2017

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 10, 2017

SEMPRA ENERGY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-14201
(Commission

File Number)

33-0732627
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

488 8th AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (619) 696-2000

92101

(Zip Code)

(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 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Sempra Energy is filing with this Current Report on Form 8-K the supplemental risk factors attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which are substantially identical to the risk factors included in Sempra Energy's preliminary prospectus supplement dated October 10, 2017 for the proposed public offering of its Floating Rate Notes due 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on October 10, 2017. The supplemental risk factors provide information regarding risks related to Sempra Energy's proposed acquisition (the Merger) of Energy Future Holdings Corp. (EFH), which holds an indirect 80.03 percent interest in the outstanding membership interests of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor). The proposed acquisition is described in more detail in Sempra Energy's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2017, August 28, 2017 and October 6, 2017. The supplemental risk factors are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

We are filing this Current Report on Form 8-K for purposes of supplementing the risk factor disclosure incorporated by reference into our shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-220257) and our other registration statements filed with the SEC and contained in our periodic reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The attached supplemental risk factors should be read in conjunction with the information contained in Risk Factors under Item 1A of Part I of Sempra Energy's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the Annual Report), which was filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017. Any of the risks and other information discussed in Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report or any of the risks and other information contained in Risk Factors under Item 1A of Part I and elsewhere in our Annual Report and in our other filings with the SEC, as well as additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial, could materially and adversely affect our businesses, cash flow, results of operations, financial condition, prospects and the trading prices of our common stock and debt securities.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This current report (including the Exhibit attached hereto) contains statements that are not historical fact and constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements can be identified by words such as believes, expects, anticipates, plans, estimates, projects, forecasts, contemplates, assumes, depends, should, could, would, will, confident, may, can, potential, possible, proposed, target, pursue, outlook, maintain, or similar expressions or discussions of guidance, strategies, plans, goals, opportunities, projections, initiatives, objectives or intentions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Future results may differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements.

Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the anticipated benefits of the Merger, including future financial or operating results of Sempra Energy or Oncor, Sempra Energy's, EFH's or Oncor's plans, objectives, expectations or intentions, the anticipated impact of the Merger or the failure to consummate the Merger on the credit ratings or outlook on Sempra Energy's debt securities, the expected timing of completion of the transaction, and other statements that are not historical facts. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by any such forward-looking statements include risks and uncertainties relating to: the risk that Sempra Energy, EFH or Oncor may be unable to obtain bankruptcy court and governmental and regulatory approvals required for the Merger, or that required bankruptcy court and governmental and regulatory approvals may delay the Merger or result in the imposition of conditions that could cause the parties to abandon the transaction or be onerous to Sempra Energy; the risk that a condition to closing of the Merger may

not be satisfied, including receipt of a satisfactory supplemental private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service; the risk that Sempra Energy may be unable to obtain the external financing necessary to pay the consideration and transaction costs related to the Merger on terms favorable to Sempra Energy, if at all; the risk that the Merger may not be completed for other reasons, or may not be completed on the terms currently contemplated; the expected timing to consummate the Merger; the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully or may be subject to unexpected or previously unknown risks or liabilities; the risk that the anticipated benefits from the Merger may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; disruption from the Merger may make it more difficult to conduct business as usual or maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; the diversion of management time and attention to Merger-related issues and related legal, accounting and other costs, whether or not the Merger is completed.

Additional factors, among others, that could cause actual results and future actions to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements include: actions and the timing of actions, including decisions, new regulations, and issuances of permits and other authorizations by the California Public Utilities Commission, U.S. Department of Energy, California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, states, cities and counties, and other regulatory and governmental bodies in the United States and other countries in which we operate; the timing and success of business development efforts and construction projects, including risks in obtaining or maintaining permits and other authorizations on a timely basis, risks in completing construction projects on schedule and on budget, and risks in obtaining the consent and participation of partners; the resolution of civil and criminal litigation and regulatory investigations; deviations from regulatory precedent or practice that result in a reallocation of benefits or burdens among shareholders and ratepayers; modifications of settlements; delays in, or disallowance or denial of, regulatory agency authorizations to recover costs in rates from customers (including with respect to regulatory assets associated with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station facility and 2007 wildfires) or regulatory agency approval for projects required to enhance safety and reliability; the availability of electric power, natural gas and liquefied natural gas, and natural gas pipeline and storage capacity, including disruptions caused by failures in the transmission grid, moratoriums or limitations on the withdrawal or injection of natural gas from or into storage facilities, and equipment failures; changes in energy markets; volatility in commodity prices; moves to reduce or eliminate reliance on natural gas; the impact on the value of our investment in natural gas storage and related assets from low natural gas prices, low volatility of natural gas prices and the inability to procure favorable long-term contracts for storage services; risks posed by actions of third parties who control the operations of our investments, and risks that our partners or counterparties will be unable or unwilling to fulfill their contractual commitments; weather conditions, natural disasters, accidents, equipment failures, computer system outages, explosions, terrorist attacks and other events that disrupt our operations, damage our facilities and systems, cause the release of greenhouse gases, radioactive materials and harmful emissions, cause wildfires and subject us to third-party liability for property damage or personal injuries, fines and penalties, some of which may not be covered by insurance (including costs in excess of applicable policy limits) or may be disputed by insurers; cybersecurity threats to the energy grid, storage and pipeline infrastructure, the information and systems used to operate our businesses and the confidentiality of our proprietary information and the personal information of our customers and employees; capital markets and economic conditions, including the availability of credit and the liquidity of our investments; fluctuations in inflation, interest and currency exchange rates and our ability to effectively hedge the risk of such fluctuations; changes in the tax code as a result of potential federal tax reform, such as the elimination of the deduction for interest and non-deductibility of all, or a portion of, the cost of imported materials, equipment and commodities; changes in foreign and domestic trade policies and laws, including border tariffs, revisions to favorable international trade agreements, and changes that make our exports less competitive or otherwise restrict our ability to export; the ability to win competitively bid infrastructure projects against a number of strong and aggressive competitors; expropriation of assets by foreign governments and title and other property disputes; the impact on reliability of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) electric transmission and distribution system due to increased amount and variability of power supply from renewable energy sources; the impact on competitive customer rates due to the growth in distributed and local power generation and the corresponding decrease in demand for power delivered through SDG&E's electric transmission and distribution system and from possible departing retail load resulting from customers transferring to Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation or other forms of distributed and local power generation, and the potential risk of nonrecovery for stranded assets and contractual obligations; and other uncertainties, some of which may be difficult to predict and are beyond our control.

These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that Sempra Energy has filed with the SEC. These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and on the company's website at www.sempra.com. Information appearing on, or that can be accessed through, the company's website is not a part of and is not incorporated by reference in this report. Investors should not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number	Description
99.1	Supplemental Risk Factors

EXHIBIT INDEX

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SIGNATURE

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.

October 10, 2017

SEMPRA ENERGY,
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Trevor I. Mihalik
Trevor I. Mihalik

Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief
Accounting Officer