

TECO ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2010

**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 15, 2010

Commission

File No.  
1-8180

Exact name of each Registrant as specified in its charter, state of  
incorporation, address of principal executive offices, telephone number

**TECO ENERGY, INC.**  
(a Florida corporation)

I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number  
59-2052286

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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 21, 2010, a TECO Energy subsidiary, TPS de Ultramar, Ltd. (TPSU), sold its interest in Distribución Eléctrica Centro Americana II, S.A. (DECA II) to Empresas Públicas de Medellín E.S.P. (EPM), a multi-utility company based in Medellín Columbia, under a Stock Purchase Agreement (SPA) signed on October 21, 2010, for a purchase price of \$181.5 million. TPSU is a subsidiary of TECO Guatemala Holdings, LLC (TGH).

DECA II is a holding company in which, prior to the sale, TGH held a 30% interest, Iberdrola Energia, S.A. held a 49% interest and EDP Energias de Portugal, S.A. held a 21% interest. Each of these parties sold its interest in DECA II pursuant to the SPA. DECA II holds an 80.9% ownership interest in Empresa Eléctrica de Guatemala (EEGSA) and affiliated companies. EEGSA is the largest Guatemalan distribution utility, which serves Guatemala City, the capital of Guatemala and the surrounding region.

The SPA contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, and indemnification provisions subject to specified limitations as to time and amount. EPM had made a binding offer to purchase the outstanding shares of capital stock of DECA II, which TGH accepted with respect to its shares on October 15, 2010. The which offer and acceptance were conditioned on the execution of the SPA by October 21, 2010.

See Item 8.01 for additional information regarding this transaction and TECO Guatemala.

**Section 8 Other Events**

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TGH will receive \$181.5 million of the \$605 million total purchase price for its 30% interest. In addition, TGH will repatriate approximately \$25 million of cash previously held offshore in a tax deferral structure.

The sale will result in a fourth-quarter pretax book gain of approximately \$38 million at TECO Guatemala; however, this gain will be more than offset by the recognition of a total of approximately \$40 million of Guatemalan and U.S. tax expenses as a result of the transaction, including U.S. income taxes on previously undistributed earnings, in the third and fourth quarters. TECO Guatemala recorded a \$24.9 million non-GAAP charge in the third quarter, which is included in the \$40 million total tax expense described above, related to the unwinding of the tax deferral structure as the earnings from DECA II are no longer considered indefinitely reinvested. Thus the aggregate effect in the third and fourth quarters of the items described above will be a net loss of approximately \$2.0 million.

Prior to the transaction, DECA II was expected to contribute approximately \$15 million of net income to TECO Energy in 2010. The \$205 million of total cash, representing transaction proceeds and repatriated cash net of transaction related costs, is expected to be used for general corporate purposes, which could include accelerated debt retirement at TECO Energy.

**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 21, 2010

**TECO ENERGY, INC.**

(Registrant)

/s/ S. W. CALLAHAN

S. W. CALLAHAN

Vice President-Finance and Accounting

and Chief Financial Officer

(Chief Accounting Officer)

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)