American Electric Technologies Inc Form 8-K February 10, 2009

# 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 6, 2009

# AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (State or other jurisdiction

000-24575 (Commission File Number) 59-3410234 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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6410 Long Drive, Houston, TX 77087 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code 713-644-8182

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#### Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On February 6, 2009, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of American Electric Technologies, Inc. (the Company ) adopted Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the Restated Bylaws ), effective immediately upon adoption. The principal change effected by the Restated Bylaws is the requirement for stockholders to provide timely notice to the Company of director nominations and other business intended to be brought before a stockholder meeting. The Restated Bylaws provide that no person shall be qualified to serve as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Restated Bylaws and that no business shall be conducted at a stockholder meeting unless conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Restated Bylaws.

In addition, the Restated Bylaws were revised to make certain other technical and clarifying amendments to matters of administration and process.

The foregoing description of the Restated Bylaws is qualified in its entirety by the copy of the Amended and Restated Bylaws that is filed as Exhibit 3.2 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

STOCKHOLDER NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2009

As a result of the advance notice provisions included in the Company s amended and restated Bylaws effective as of February 6, 2009 and filed as Exhibit 3.2 hereto, stockholders must provide written notice of director nominations or other proposals intended to be brought before the Company s 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 7, 2009. Such notice must be received by the Company not earlier than February 6, 2009, or later than 5:00 p.m., Houston time, on March 8, 2009. Nominations or proposals should be delivered to the Company s Corporate Secretary at 6410 Long Drive, Houston, TX 77087.

Nothing contained in the Restated Bylaws shall be deemed to affect any rights of a stockholder to request inclusion of a proposal in, or the Company s right to exclude a proposal from, the Company s proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (or any successor provision).

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

## **Exhibit Description**

3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted February 6, 2009.

#### **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.

# AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: February 9, 2009

By: /s/ John H. Untereker
John H. Untereker

Senior Vice President, CFO and Secretary

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