

HICKORY TECH CORP
Form 8-K
March 17, 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): **March 17, 2009**

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-13721
(Commission file number)

41-1524393
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

221 East Hickory Street, P.O. Box 3248, Mankato, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

56002-3248
(Zip Code)

(800) 326-5789

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry Material Definitive Agreement

On March 12, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Hickory Tech Corporation (the Company) amended the Rights Agreement dated February 25, 1999 (the Rights Agreement) between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A (fka Norwest Bank Minneapolis, N.A.). The Board of Directors adopted an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement that (1) extends the Rights Agreement through March 12, 2019, (2) reduces the purchase price of the rights to \$30.00 per share, and (3) provides for periodic review of the necessity of the plan by a committee of the Board of Directors.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders

On March 12, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Company amended the Rights Agreement governing its Shareholder Rights Plan as set forth in Item 1.01 of this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated March 17, 2009, issued by Hickory Tech Corporation

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.

Date: March 17, 2009

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Finke
Name: John W. Finke
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ David A. Christensen
Name: David A. Christensen
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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