## **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): December 17, 2007

# Distributed Energy Systems Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-50453 (Commission File Number) 20-0177690 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation

Identification No.)

10 Technology Drive, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (203) 678-2000

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- " 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))

## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Effective December 17, 2007, the registrant entered into a transition agreement and general release with Ambrose L. Schwallie, in connection with the previously announced resignation of Mr. Schwallie as the registrant s chief executive officer. The agreement provides for a transition benefit of \$100,000, less all applicable taxes and withholdings, which represents three months of Mr. Schwallie s base salary as of his resignation date, to be paid in accordance with the registrant s normal payroll practices. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Transition Agreement and Release between the registrant and Ambrose L. Schwallie, effective December 17, 2007.

#### **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.

DISTRIBUTED ENERGY SYSTEMS CORP.

By: /s/ Peter J. Tallian

Date: December 18, 2007

Peter J. Tallian, Chief Financial Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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