

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO

Form 8-K

December 10, 2018

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 7,  
2018

General Electric  
Company  
(Exact name of  
registrant as  
specified in its  
charter)

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| New<br>York                                                   | 001-00035                  | 14-0689340                                 |
| (State<br>or<br>other<br>jurisdiction<br>of<br>incorporation) | Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS<br>Employer<br>Identification<br>No.) |

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| 41<br>Farnsworth<br>Street,<br>Boston,<br>MA<br>(Address<br>of<br>principal<br>executive<br>offices) | 02210<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code (617)  
443-3000

N/A

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(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 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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). 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 pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

General Electric Company (“GE” or the “Company”) announced that director John J. Brennan has retired from the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) after six years of service, effective December 7, 2018. In addition, the Board elected Paula Rospot Reynolds as a director to fill the resulting vacancy, effective on that date. Ms. Reynolds is the Chief Executive Officer of PreferWest, LLC, a privately held business advisory firm.

The Board has determined that Ms. Reynolds is an independent director under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Company’s independence guidelines, as set forth in the Board’s Governance Principles.

Ms. Reynolds will participate in the compensation and benefit program for the Company’s independent directors, which is described on page 53 of the Company’s Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareowners held on April 25, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2018.

The Board has not yet appointed Ms. Reynolds to any Board committees.

Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements:

This document contains "forward-looking statements" - that is, statements related to future events that by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For details on the uncertainties that may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements, see <http://www.ge.com/investor-relations/disclaimer-caution-concerning-forward-looking-statements> as well as our annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

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.

General Electric Company  
(Registrant)

Date: December 10, 2018 /s/ Christoph A. Pereira  
Christoph A. Pereira  
Vice President,  
Chief Corporate, Securities & Finance Counsel