## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 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): September 19, 2016



### TerraForm Power, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36542 46-4780940

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

#### 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, 9th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

#### (240) 762-7700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### N/A

(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)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 19, 2016, TerraForm Power, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that, at the recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Conflicts Committee, its Board of Directors has initiated a process to explore and evaluate potential strategic alternatives to maximize stockholder value, including a merger or sale of its entire business. The press release also announced that the Company notified SunEdison, Inc. ("SunEdison") that its Corporate Governance and Conflicts Committee is prepared to enter into discussions with SunEdison and/or its stakeholders to settle intercompany claims and defenses between the Company and SunEdison on a schedule that is consistent with the pursuit of strategic alternatives by the Company. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Except for historical information contained in this Form 8-K and the press release attached as an exhibit hereto, this Form 8-K and the press release contain forward-looking statements which involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. Please refer to the cautionary note in the press release regarding these forward-looking statements.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

**99.1** Press release, dated September 19, 2016, titled "TerraForm Power Initiates Process to Explore Strategic

Alternatives"

#### **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.

#### TERRAFORM POWER, INC.

Date: September 19, 2016 By: /s/ Sebastian Deschler

Name: Sebastian Deschler

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit No. **Description** 

Press release, dated September 19, 2016, titled "TerraForm Power Initiates Process to Explore Strategic Alternatives" 99.1



#### **TerraForm Power Initiates Process to Explore Strategic Alternatives**

Company Working Collaboratively With SunEdison Seeks to Resolve Intercompany Claims Consensually

BETHESDA, Md., September 19, 2016 (GLOBENEWSWIRE) -- TerraForm Power, Inc. (Nasdaq: TERP) ("TerraForm Power" or the "Company"), an owner and operator of clean energy power plants, today announced that, at the recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Conflicts Committee, its Board of Directors has initiated a process to explore and evaluate potential strategic alternatives to maximize stockholder value, including a merger or sale of its entire business.

"Our Board and management team have been working to preserve and protect stockholder value and, after careful review, we have decided that exploring all possible alternatives to maximize that value is in the best interests of all our stockholders," said Peter Blackmore, Interim Chief Executive Officer. "With a diverse portfolio of assets and record of strong operating performance, TerraForm Power offers a unique opportunity for a broad range of potential acquirers and investors."

"We are actively exploring the potential sale of all of TerraForm Power's equity interests, as well as alternative structures," continued Blackmore. "We are open to considering a transaction involving a new sponsor that would contribute to the stabilization and future growth of the Company's very attractive platform of generation assets in a way that benefits TerraForm Power stockholders, including through negotiation of new sponsorship arrangements or through assumption of SunEdison's existing sponsorship agreements. TerraForm Power also is taking appropriate steps to operate as an independent company without a new sponsor, if that should become necessary in the short or long term. Our benchmark for decisions will be the best interests of TerraForm Power stockholders."

TerraForm Power has entered into confidentiality arrangements with SunEdison, Inc. and representatives for certain of its stakeholders to allow TerraForm Power to share confidential information about strategic alternatives and other matters. Certain strategic alternatives for TerraForm Power may require stockholder approval. Since SunEdison is operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, many decisions made by SunEdison - such as how to vote its shares in TerraForm Power to approve a merger or sale of substantially all of TerraForm Power's assets - may require the approval of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. According to Blackmore, "We have been working closely with SunEdison on disposition alternatives so far and regard a collaborative exploration of strategic alternatives to be in the best interests of TerraForm Power, its public stockholders and SunEdison given the collective alignment of interests in maximizing stockholder value."

TerraForm Power also has notified SunEdison that its Corporate Governance and Conflicts Committee is prepared to enter into discussions with SunEdison and/or its stakeholders to settle intercompany claims and defenses between TerraForm Power and SunEdison on a schedule that is consistent with the pursuit of strategic alternatives by TerraForm Power.

"We believe it is in the best interests of TerraForm Power and SunEdison for there to be a prompt settlement of all intercompany claims and defenses to facilitate the strategic review process," said Jack Stark, Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Conflicts Committee. "We are committed to negotiate actively with SunEdison to resolve intercompany matters consensually on arm's-length terms as soon as possible, although we stand ready to enforce our rights in litigation if necessary."

TerraForm Power noted that its publicly traded sister company, TerraForm Global, Inc. (Nasdaq: GLBL), has announced that it is undertaking a similar review of strategic alternatives.

TerraForm Power has engaged Centerview Partners, Morgan Stanley and AlixPartners as financial advisors and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP as its legal advisor.

#### **About TerraForm Power**

TerraForm Power is a renewable energy company that is changing how energy is generated, distributed and owned. TerraForm Power creates value for its investors by owning and operating clean energy power plants. For more information about TerraForm Power, please visit: www.terraformpower.com.

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements involve estimates, expectations, projections, goals, assumptions, known and unknown risks, and uncertainties and typically include words or variations of words such as "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "plan," "seek," "estimate," "predict," "project," "goal," "guidance," "outlook," "objective," "forecast," "target," "potential," "continue," "would," "will," "should," "could," or "may" or other comparable terms and phrases.

They include, without limitation, statements relating to the potential sale of all of the Company's equity interests; the possibility of a transaction involving a new sponsor, new sponsorship arrangements or the assumption of SunEdison's existing sponsorship arrangements; the stabilization and future growth of the Company; the operation of TerraForm Power as an independent company; approval of any transaction by the Company's stockholders, SunEdison or the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; and the settlement of intercompany claims and defenses. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations as of the date of this press release and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements, including but not limited to: whether the sale of the Company's equity interests or an alternative transaction occurs; the ability to identify a suitable counterparty for a transaction; the terms of any such transaction, including whether any such transaction involves a new sponsorship arrangement or the assumption of SunEdison's existing sponsorship arrangement; the amount of time a transaction may take; the approval of a transaction by any necessary parties; whether the Company and SunEdison and/or its stakeholders are able to reach an acceptable settlement of any intercompany claims and defenses and the terms of any such settlement; as well as additional factors we have described in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The risks included above are not exhaustive. Other factors that could adversely affect our business and prospects are described in the filings made by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

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