
**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 27, 2017

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35504
(Commission
File Number)

61-1488595
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**920 Memorial City Way, Suite 1000
Houston, Texas 77024**
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 949-2500

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)
- 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))
- 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 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

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 provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

In furtherance of a previously reported management transition relating to Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. (the "**Company**") that began in February 2017, on December 27, 2017 the Board of Directors agreed with Mr. C. Christopher Gaut, Executive Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, that he will transition to serve as Chairman of the Board, effective at 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2017. With effect at such time, Mr. Gaut will cease to be an executive officer of the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: December 29, 2017

By: /s/ John C. Ivascu

John C. Ivascu

Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary