GENERAL ELECTRIC CO Form 8-K March 23, 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 23, 2009

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

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

3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut (Address of principal executive offices) 06828-0001

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 373-2211

(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 Instructions A.2. below):

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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 8.01 Other Events.

On March 23, 2009, General Electric Company ("GE") issued a press release responding to the downgrade by Moody's Investors Service of GE's and General Electric Capital Corporation's long-term ratings from Aaa to Aa2, with a "stable" outlook. A copy of GE's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed as part of this report:

Exhibit Description

99 Press release, dated: March 23, 2009, issued by General Electric Company

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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: March 23, 2009

Jamie S. Miller Vice President and Controller

/s/ Jamie S. Miller